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Ipswich Town captain Mick Mills is on top against Liverpool at Portman Road

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The PLAYERS' NIGHT of the YEAR

Derby County defender Colin Todd was chosen as the Professionals' professional . . . the players' choice. "It's the greatest moment of my life," said Colin.

SUNDAY, March 2nd, saw the second presentation by the Professional Footballers' Association. Our photographer was on hand to see the stars collect their awards.

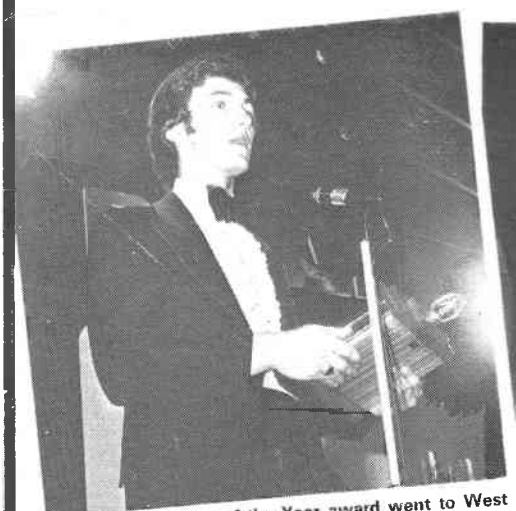
Southampton and England striker Mike Channon enjoying his meal.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson — a Huddersfield fan — with Derek Dougan, Chairman of the P.F.A.

The Liverpool pair of Ian Callaghan (left) and Phil Thompson were in the running for awards.

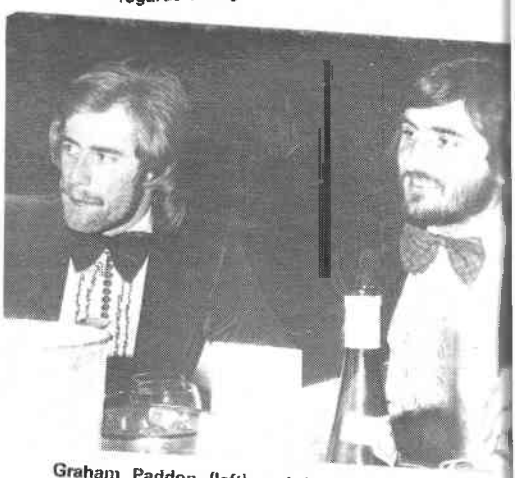
Manchester United boss Tommy Docherty and Newcastle striker Malcolm Macdonald share a table.

Howard Kendall, the Birmingham skipper, regards eating as seriously as football.



The Young Player of the Year award went to West Ham United goalkeeper Mervyn Day.

Burnley and Wales winger Leighton James shares a joke.



Graham Paddon (left) and Frank Lampard of West Ham enjoy one of the speeches.

ALL-STAR TEAM FIRST DIVISION

Peter Shilton (Stoke)
Paul Madeley (Leeds)
Kevin Beattie (Ipswich)
Billy Bonds (West Ham)
Gordon McQueen (Leeds)
Colin Todd (Derby)
Duncan McKenzie (Leeds)
Colin Bell (Manchester City)
Bob Latchford (Everton)
Alan Hudson (Stoke)
Leighton James (Burnley)

ALL-STAR TEAM SECOND DIVISION

Bryan King (Millwall)
John Gidman (Aston Villa)
Stewart Houston (Manchester United)
Len Cantello (West Brom)
Dave Watson (Sunderland)
Martin Buchan (Manchester United)
Ray Graydon (Aston Villa)
Mike Channon (Southampton)
Stuart Pearson (Manchester United)
Phil Boyer (Norwich)
Billy Hughes (Sunderland)

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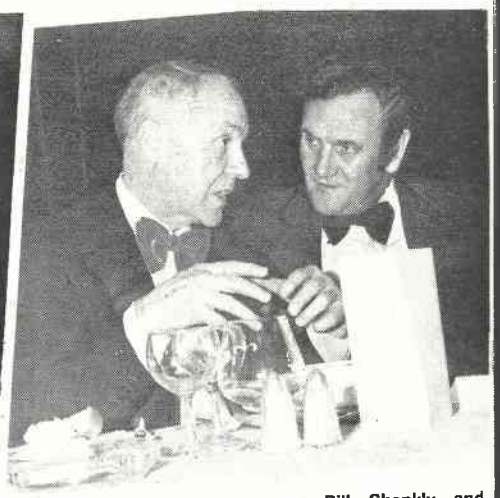
THE SECOND P.F.A. AWARDS DINNER — HILTON HOTEL, LONDON

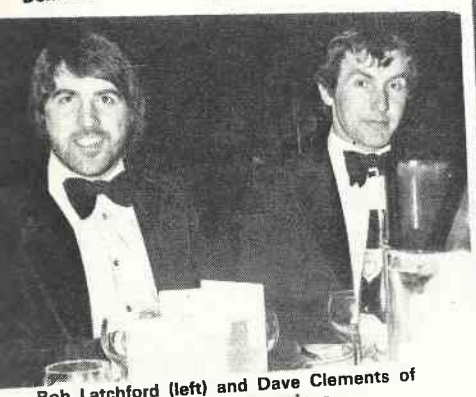
The P.F.A. Merit Award went to Denis Law.

SHOOT/GOAL Editor David Gregory and columnist Alan Ball discuss life at the top.

Bobby Robson, the Ipswich Town manager, in conversation.



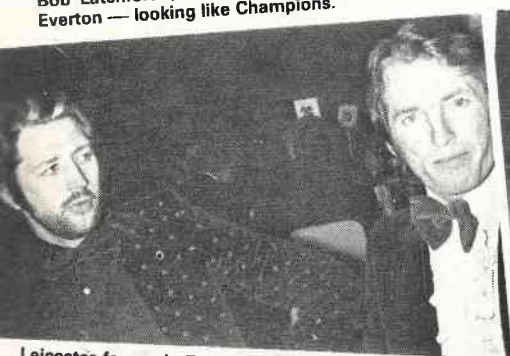
Former Liverpool manager Bill Shankly and present England boss Don Revie never tire of talking about soccer.



Bob Latchford (left) and Dave Clements of Everton — looking like Champions.

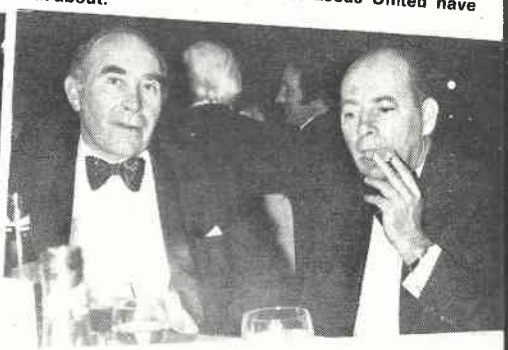
West Ham's Keith Robson (left) and Billy Bonds like the taste of the Hilton's food.

Frankie Gray (left) and Norman Hunter of Leeds United have plenty to talk about.



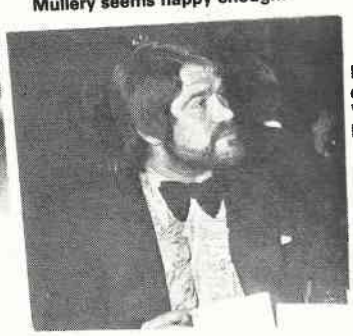
Leicester forwards Frank Worthington (left) and Lenny Glover.

Fulham's Barry Lloyd and Viv Busby look tense, but Alan Mullery seems happy enough.



Former England manager Sir Alf Ramsey, just back from his trip to the Middle East.

Mike England, who retired from Spurs recently (left), with Stoke's John Mahoney.



LEFT . . . Q.P.R. defender David Webb even trimmed his beard for the occasion!
RIGHT . . . Birmingham manager Freddie Goodwin and B.B.C. personality Jimmy Hill, a former Chairman of the P.F.A.

ALL-STAR TEAM
THIRD DIVISION

Roger Jones (Blackburn)
Andy Burgin (Blackburn)
Phil Burrows (Plymouth)
Chris Turner (Peterborough)
Graham Hawkins (Blackburn)
Derek Jeffries (Crystal Palace)
Arfon Griffiths (Wrexham)
Peter Eastoe (Swindon)
Bill Rafferty (Plymouth)
Alan Buckley (Walsall)
Peter Taylor (Crystal Palace)

ALL-STAR TEAM
FOURTH DIVISION

Peter Grotier (Lincoln)
Sandy Pate (Mansfield)
John Breckin (Rotherham)
Bob Doyle (Barnsley)
John Giles (Exeter)
Trevor Storton (Chester)
Alan Durban (Shrewsbury)
Derek Draper (Chester)
Ray Clarke (Mansfield)
Gordon Hodgson (Mansfield)
Paul Stratford (Northampton)

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ASK THE EXPERT

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When writing please mention the two features in this issue that you liked the best.

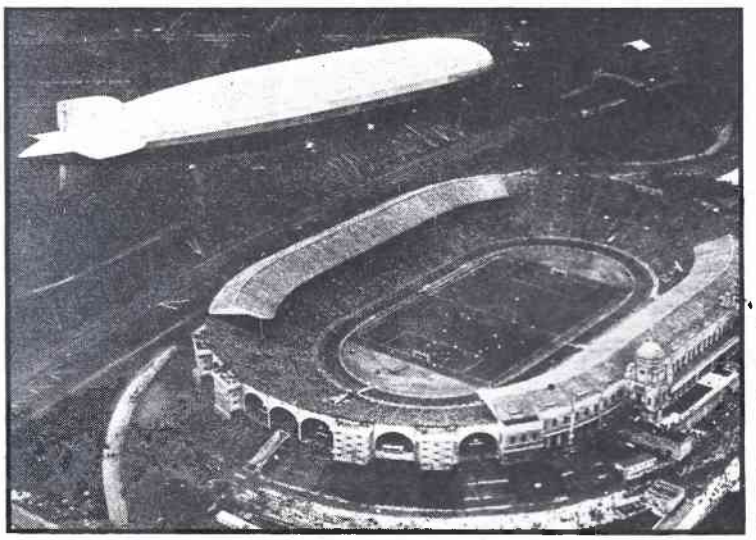
Wembley's Airship

WHICH was the F.A. Cup Final in which the famous German Graf Zeppelin flew very low over Wembley during the game, please?

MALCOLM TAYLOR, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

● It was the 1930 Final, Malcolm, in which Arsenal beat Huddersfield by 2-0.

The cigar-shaped monster airship (below) cruised slowly over from one goalmouth to the other casting a huge sinister shadow through the bright sunshine, dipping in salute before it slowly flew back home.



Hibs' 'Famous Five'

CAN you please tell me how many full caps each of Hibernian's "Famous Five" forward-line of the early 1950's — Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull, and Ormond — gained for Scotland?

CALLUM McNULTY, EDINBURGH.

● Laurie Reilly led the way with 38, Callum — followed by Gordon Smith with 19, and Bobby Johnstone with 17 (the last four of those at Manchester City).

Eddie Turnbull gained eight full caps, and present Scottish team-manager Willie Ormond six.

Certainly, though, there would be no professionals in the sense that we know them.

Highest fee

WHAT was the highest pre-war transfer fee, please?

MAURICE SHERLOCK, GATESHEAD.

● Even allowing for the way the value of the pound has shrunk since then, Maurice, £14,000 still sounds pretty small-change.

Yet that was a headline-making world record when Arsenal paid that sum for Welsh international inside forward Bryn Jones (below) in August, 1938.

And, with the war coming a year later, it remained so until Derby paid Morton £15,500 for Billy Steel in June, 1947.

New Brighton

MY dad says New Brighton left the Football League at the end of the 1950-51 season; I say it was three years earlier in 1947-48. Who's right, please?

NICHOLAS INESON, BIRKENHEAD.

● I'm afraid *you're* not, Nicholas! Dad's spot-on about when New Brighton lost their League place to Workington.

Soccer Chinese style

DO they play soccer in China; and, if so, are there any professionals?

SUE ARNOLD, FLEET.

● They are certainly said to be taking it up, Sue. But, as the Chinese Peoples' Republic is not yet a member of F.I.F.A., precise details of how many players there are and suchlike are virtually non-existent at the moment.

World Cup first

WHEN and where was the very first World Cup-tie played, please, and who was it between?

MARCO ROSELLA, SLEAFORD.

● It took place on 13th July, 1930 in Montevideo, Marco, when France beat Mexico 4-1.

As only 13 nations entered for that first-ever World Cup competition, there were no home-and-away qualifying ties as nowadays, and all the games were played in the host-nation of Uruguay.

George is best

TO settle a little argument amongst soccer fans out here in New Zealand, could you say who scored the most peacetime League goals — Sir Stanley Matthews or George Best?

R. MEES, NEW ZEALAND.

● Bestie (below) wins that one. He scored 137 times in his 361 League games for Manchester United before he packed it all in.

Schemer Matthews' total was 71 in his 698 for Stoke and Blackpool.

Clarke brothers

CAN you please tell me how many footballing brothers Leeds United's Allan Clarke has, and where they're all playing?

RODNEY BISHOP, DUBLIN.

● The England striker has four, Rodney.

Frank is with Carlisle, Derek with Oxford, and Kelvin is on Walsall's books.

And the youngest, Wayne — whom Allan confidently predicts will in time turn out to be the best of the bunch — is drawing League club scouts to watch him making a big impression in schools' football in the Midlands.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

SHORT PASSES

● Poland's top goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski plays for the LKS Lodz club.

(GERRY O'MAMONY, Co. Cork)

● Peter Osgood has played four full, and six Under-23, games for England.

(CHARLES DRAKE, Dorchester)

● Celtic's Kenny Dalglish shares your birthday of 4th March.

(BARRY HOLMES, Liverpool)

● Doncaster Rovers' record victory is 10-0 v. Darlington (Div. IV) on 25th January, 1964.

(SHAUN WILLIAMSON, Doncaster)

● Stan Bowles scored 12 goals in his 33 League games for Carlisle.

(PAUL ATTWOOD, Carlisle)

● Fulham played in the First Division between 1949-50 and 1951-52; and again between 1959-60 and 1967-68.

(ALISTAIR GIBB, Cranleigh)

● Gordon Banks was in goal when England beat Malta 1-0 in Valetta on 3rd February, 1971.

(JOSANNA ATTARD, Malta)

● In 1969-70, in the Second Division, Cardiff beat Q.P.R. 4-2 at home, but lost 1-2 away.

(JULIE THOMAS, Newport)

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Leicester 'keeper Mark Wallington punches clear from Spurs dangerman John Duncan, assisted by Jeff Blockley and Alan Birchenall (right).

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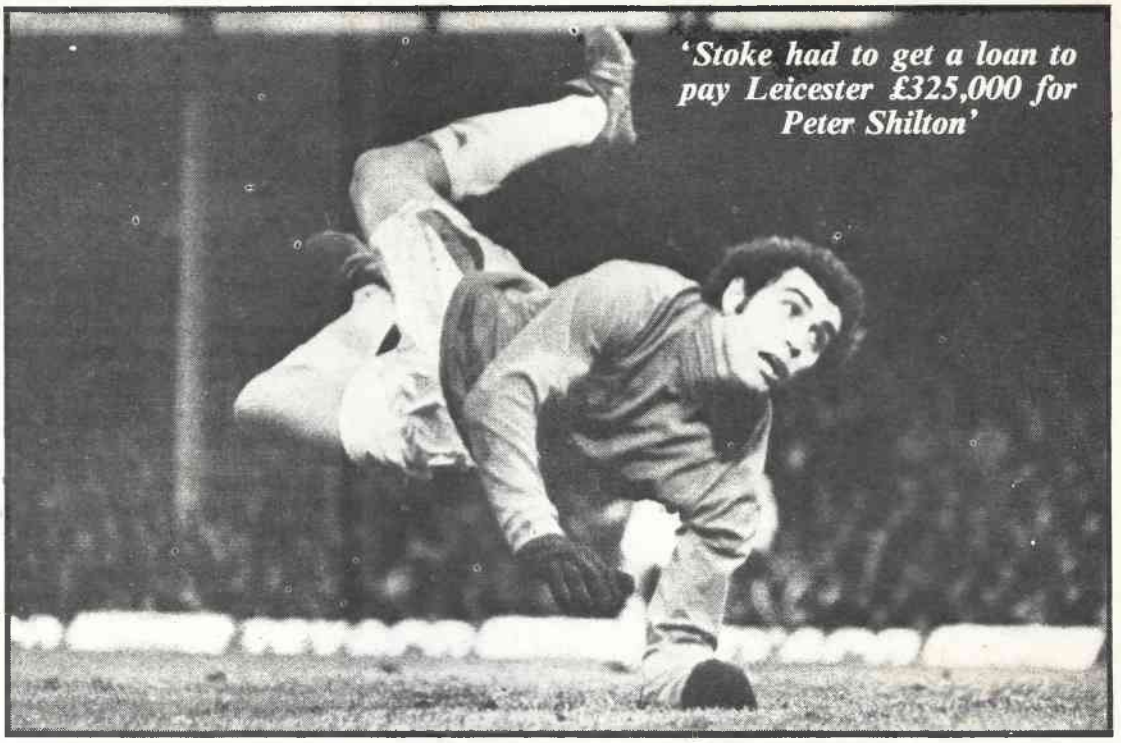
KEVIN KEEGAN

'FOOTBALL CAN'T AFFORD



'Stoke had to get a loan to pay Leicester £325,000 for Peter Shilton'

THE good news is that the fans of around ten teams have at some stage this season seen their favourites perched on the top rung of our League ladder. The bad news is that, to me, it signifies a drop in our standard of football at the highest level.

England doesn't possess one outstanding team at the moment!

And that includes Leeds and Liverpool, who both dominated the scene last season, Leeds winning the League after making a record unbeaten run of 29 League matches, and 'Pool walking off with the F.A. Cup after one of the most one-sided Finals ever.

Further evidence of my claim that the quality of our football is levelling-out is provided by the Cup success of teams from lower Divisions against First Division sides. Even non-League Wimbledon managed to take Leeds to a replay after holding them to a draw at Elland Road.

And both Finalists in the League Cup — Norwich and Aston Villa — came from the Second Division!

One of the main reasons for this development is economic. No longer able to afford to maintain large staffs, some big clubs have been forced to off-load players who they previously would have been happy to keep in reserve sides.

Apart from the likelihood that such players would eventually develop into first-team regulars, they served the purpose of preventing first-teamers from becoming complacent and taking things for granted.

There's nothing like knowing someone's pushing for your position to keep you on your toes!

Liverpool are fortunate in having a good pool of experienced reserves to call on, as well as a fine crop of youngsters in the pipeline.

Even so, we've recently lost some very promising lads, though not because we couldn't afford to keep them.

They just became impatient and decided to drop down a Division or so where their first-team prospects are brighter.

Personally, I think they're foolish to leave a club like Liverpool, where any slow progress is more than compensated for by a thorough grounding in the footballer's craft.

I only wish I'd had the chance of becoming a Liverpool apprentice, instead of having to play in the Fourth Division with Scunthorpe United and pray for a chance in the big time.

Several of my team-mates made similar breakthroughs. 'Keeper Ray Clemence also came from Scunthorpe — in June, 1967, for £20,000 — before I joined The Irons. Full-back Alec Lindsay was recruited from Bury in 1969 for £60,000. Steve Heighway was an amateur with non-League Skelmersdale when Liverpool discovered him in 1970, and this season we signed Phil Neal from Northampton for £60,000.

Of course, Liverpool will continue to scour the lower Leagues for talent, but I'm convinced that despite being a comparatively rich club we won't make as many signings as in the past.

The powers - that - be will run a much more careful eye over any prospect to make as certain as is humanly possible that he has the ability to make the grade with us.

Really big-fee signings are happening less and less now, something that has not surprised me

'I scored the winner against The Blades at Anfield last season'

one little bit, as I've never been convinced football could really afford such inflated prices.

Footballers aren't like expensive race-horses that can be put out to stud if they lose form, age, or get injured!

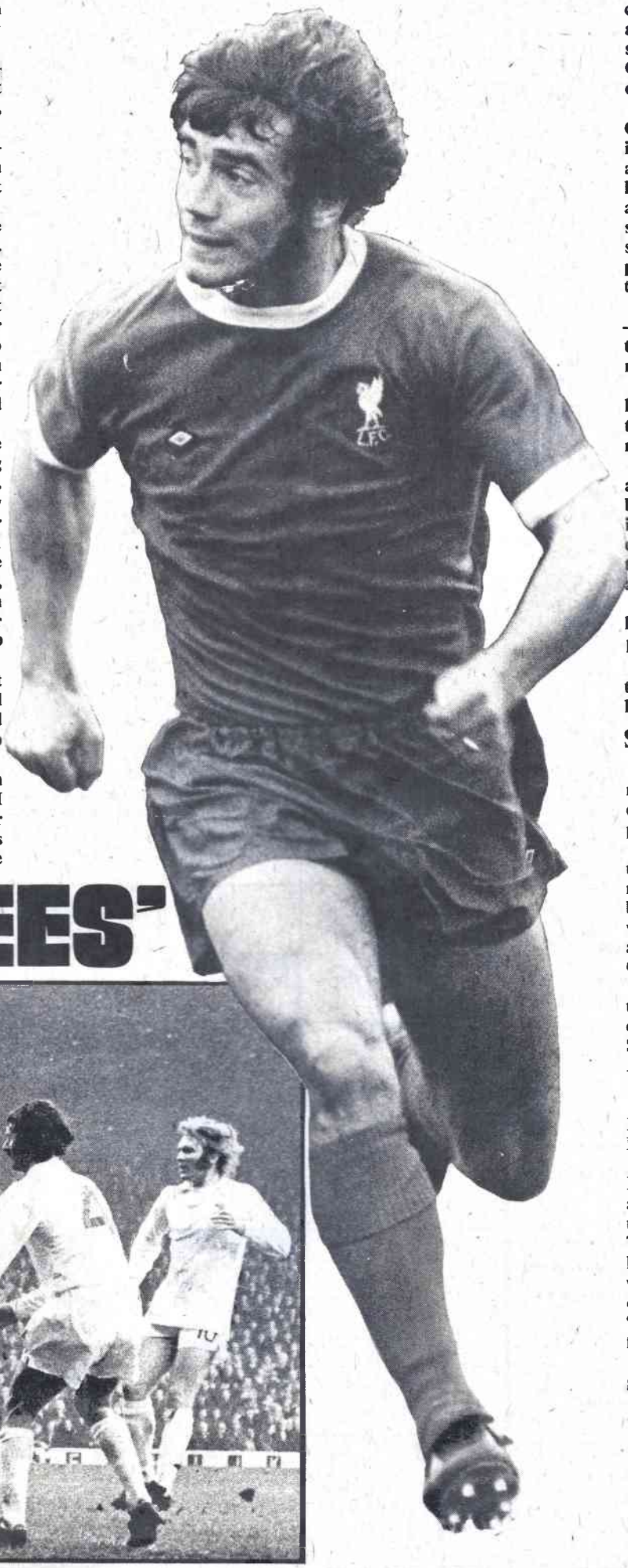
Buying a player for a small fortune is a tremendous gamble, a gamble that clubs are at last becoming reluctant to take.

Look at Arsenal's experience with Jeff Blockley, for instance. The Gunners paid a massive £200,000 in 1972 for Jeff, who at the time was making a great impact with The Sky Blues. For one reason or another he failed to click at Highbury and this season they sold him to Leicester for £100,000, exactly half what they'd paid for him!

In the past they might have recouped their money by selling another of their players at a profit. But their chances of doing so now look slim. Charlie George — their temperamental star of the 1971 Cup Final, when he scored the winning goal against Liverpool, and a product of their youth team — has been on the transfer list for months and still there are no takers.

The last transfer in which a lot of money changed hands involved 'keeper Peter Shilton, who moved from Leicester to Stoke to help them in their title bid.

Stoke had to take out a loan in order to pay the £325,000 fee. I wonder now whether manager Tony Waddington believes he's made the right move putting the club into probable debt in an attempt to bring the Championship trophy to the Victoria Ground for the first time in the club's history?



BIG FEES'

Middlesbrough manager Jackie Charlton certainly doesn't believe in making big buys in the hope of achieving League success. I heard him on a morning radio interview, after Boro had drawn at Q.P.R., say he'd decided against investing something like half a million pounds on two players to strengthen his team.

He felt the risk was too great — for even if Boro did take the title, the money would not be recouped through the turnstiles.

Short as his managerial stint has been, Big Jack has realised that nowadays clubs have to be run on strict business lines.

Much as I admire Jack I'm afraid he can't escape part of the blame for something that's harming our football — the overemphasis on defence so many teams employ nowadays, particularly away from home.

After that Q.P.R. game, he was knocked because Boro apparently put up the shutters.

Stan Bowles commented that the game was so poor, fans should have been given their money back.

Safety-First

Three-up, three-down has resulted in teams from mid-table downwards adopting a safety-first policy.

As I've said before, I'm against the system on the grounds that most relegated teams are likely to bounce straight back and vice versa. Mark my words, Norwich and Man. United will return and Carlisle and Luton will drop back.

One of the few teams unlikely to be relegated, and yet who are out of the promotion chase, is Sheffield United, our visitors to Anfield this Saturday (March 15th).

We've a score to settle with The Blades who beat us 1-0 at Bramall Lane this season.

They're another Jekyll and Hyde side, who look different away from home. On their patch they're really dangerous with Tony Currie playing long balls to hard-chasing winger Alan Woodward, and skipper Keith Eddy driving his men on like fury. On "enemy territory" they play with far less spirit and drive.

Last season we won 1-0, our goal coming from yours truly.

I'll be trying hard to get my name on the scoresheet again.

Wish me luck.

Kevin Keegan

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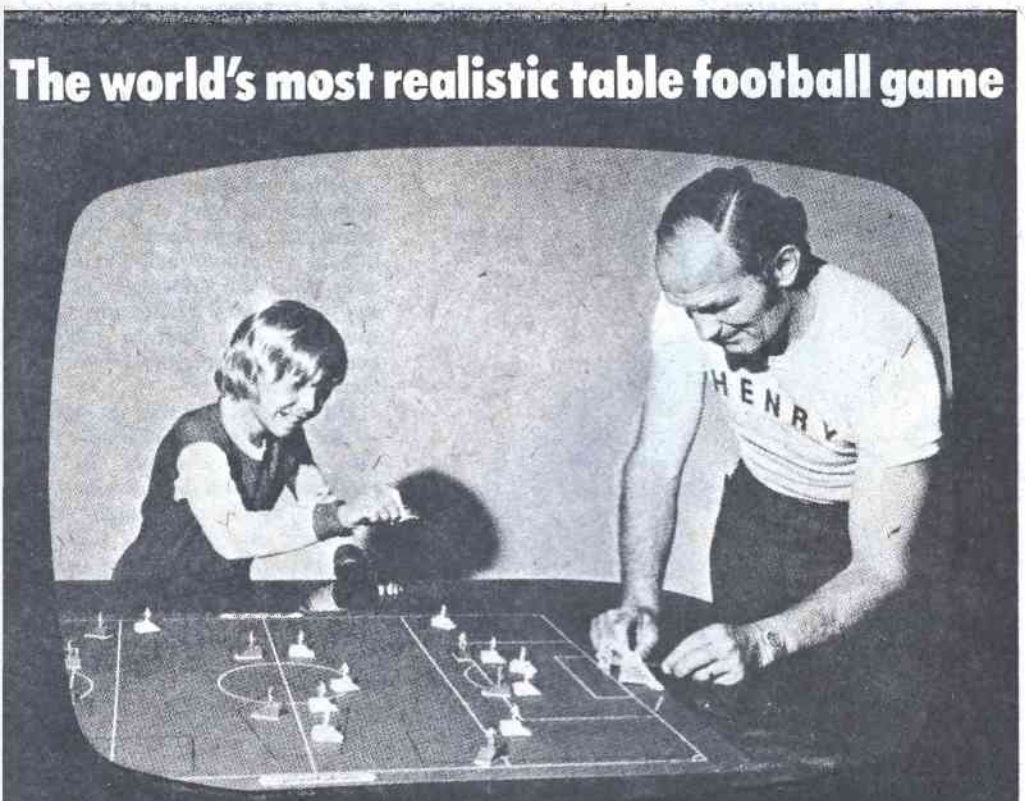

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GO FOR THE DOUBLE

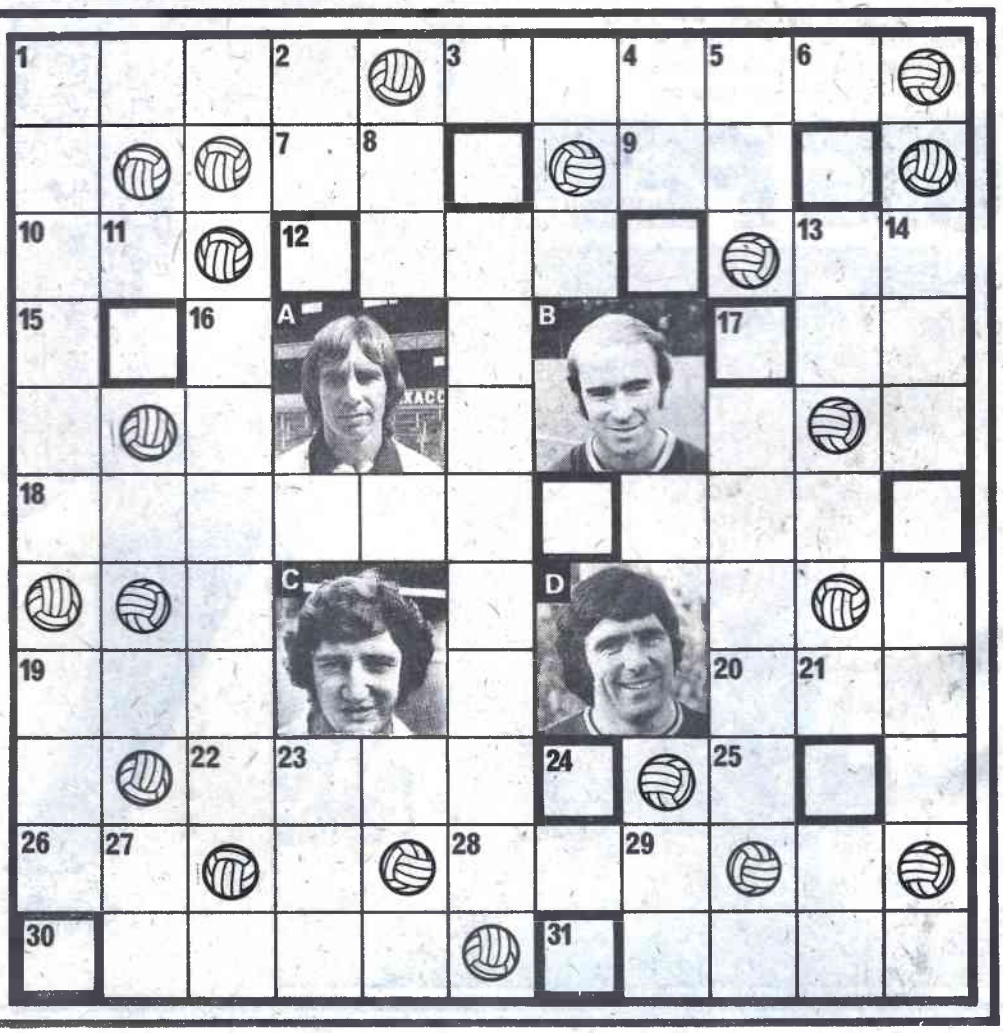
After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a West Ham midfield star. Answers on page 23.

ACROSS:—

(1) George —, surname of "Footballer of the Year", 1967/68.
(3) Jim —, Middlesbrough goalkeeper in photo C.
(7) — Hartford, Manchester City midfield star.
(9) Preston ---th End.
(10) Opposite of down.
(12) Bobby —, West Ham striker in photo D.
(13) Gerry FRANC-- of Queens Park Rangers.
(15) A backward blow missing from Bobby ---KER of Carlisle.
(17) ALDERS---.
(18) Hibernian entered the first — — competition in the 1955/56 season. (8 & 3)
(19) One from Brentford's nickname.
(20) Roger -SBO-N- of Ipswich Town.
(22) A winger can do with a good turn of this!
(25) — Paul, famous ex-Manchester City and Wales skipper.
(26) John -STO- of clue 5 Down.
(28) L---ON Stadium (Orient's Ground). Make a word from the missing letters.
(30) Ian —, £200,000 Manchester United winger who was forced to retire because of an ankle injury.
(31) Peter —, Burnley player in photo B.

DOWN:—

(1) Jeff —, Derby County striker in photo A.
(2) "The --N-ERINES", Blackpool's nickname.
(3) Leeds United full-back. (4 & 6)
(4) Mike ENGL--- former Spurs and Wales defender.
(5) LU--N Town.
(6) The midfield form one in number!
(8) --MERSET Park, Ayr United's ground.
(11) Jim -E-RSON of Everton.
(14) Alex —, Manchester United 'keeper.
(16) Surname of Wolves 'keeper.
(17) Kevin —, Derby County striker.
(19) Stuart —, Middlesbrough skipper.
(21) The ball will do this along the ground!
(23) Geoff -ALM-- of Wolves.
(24) "The —", Millwall's home.
(27) John CON--LLY of Everton.
(29) AS--N Villa.



ALAN AND TONY FOUGHT THE FLAB- AND WON

THE less we have seen of North-East soccer heroes Alan Foggon and Tony Towers the more their clubs, Middlesbrough and Sunderland, have emerged as Championship challengers of their respective Divisions.

And that is no reflection on these two promising youngsters — it's recognition of their single-mindedness and will to win.

In the case of both Foggon and Towers the problem they faced was inflation of a different kind — too much poundage, too much extra weight and stamina-sapping bulk.

They were on their way to becoming football's Billy Bunters until their bosses, both tough disciplinarians, stepped in with slim-line solutions.

Manager Jack Charlton of Middlesbrough, and manager Bob Stokoe of Sunderland, realised their chances of success in the First and Second Divisions could rest on the skills of the two men whose talent was being weighed down.

They ordered Foggon and Towers to trim their waistlines, streamline their profiles and restore some of the zest they had lost.

Big Jack sent his star to diet at his mother's home for a few weeks — to Ashington and Mrs Cissie Charlton. She knows about footballers' eating habits. After all, she raised both Bobby and Jackie, world famous internationals, without a spare ounce of fat on their ribs.

As he reduced his weight Alan's speed and reactions improved and for the first time since Newcastle United had sold him to Cardiff as a fast-failing professional Foggon began to enjoy the game once more.

Predecessor

Cardiff, who had paid £20,000 and used him only 14 times in the first-team, sold him back to his beloved North-East, and Middlesbrough, for a give-away £10,000.

Charlton's predecessor, Stan Anderson, was the manager who took the gamble — and big Jack has made it pay-off.

Foggon, now among Division One's most feared strikers and no more burly than he needs to be, says: "There were moments when I doubted I could get back up the ladder again.

"My future in football seemed bleak. Now I don't think I have anything to prove."

Charlton's forecast for his long-haired star is: "He'll get twenty goals for us this season."

There's another forecast, too, from Roker Park for Tony Towers the player Manchester City transferred to Sunderland as part of a deal that took Dennis Tueart and Mick Horswill to Maine Road.

And the prediction is: "He will win caps for England." And it comes from his boss Bob Stokoe.

Towers backs up his manager's faith by adding: "My aim is to be picked for England's 1978 World Cup squad in Argentina — and collect a winner's medal."

Towers, who dragged himself off the scrapheap of international hopefuls at 22, is already part of the way there.

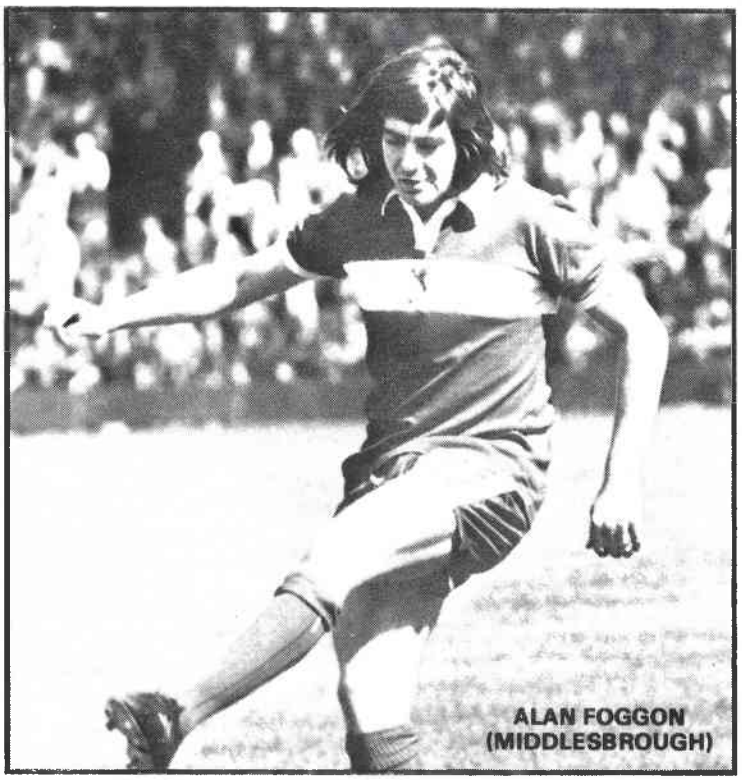
New England boss Don Revie chose him to play for his Under-23 team, invited him to join his now famous talk-in in Manchester, and called him into the squad for the recent game against West Germany.

Successor

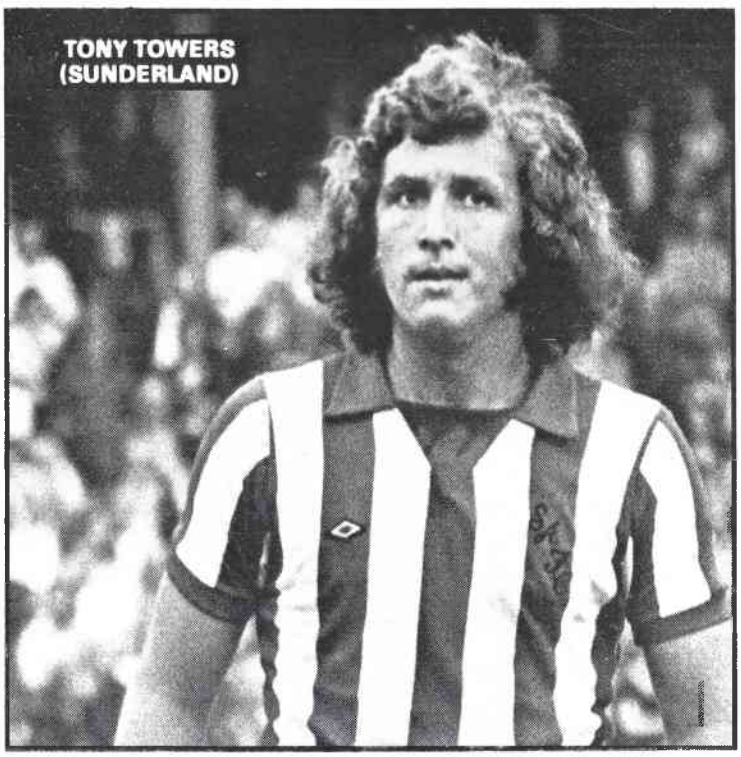
Malcolm Allison, the former Manchester City manager now at Crystal Palace, once described Towers as the natural successor to Alan Mullery in an England side — then the midfield star seemed to go into decline.

"I was too fat," he explained. "I was 13st 3lb and the lads at Roker were even making fun of me."

He went on: "I didn't like it and I decided I must get some weight off. I worked hard and applied self-discipline. But I did what I wanted, I got down to my present weight, 11st 6¼lb, and I feel as fit as a fiddle."



ALAN FOGGON (MIDDLESBROUGH)



TONY TOWERS (SUNDERLAND)

Towers is sure that his Under-23 place and a call-up by Revie is all due to his extra pace resulting from his drastic slimming campaign.

Now, at 23, he can see an international career stretching out ahead of him.

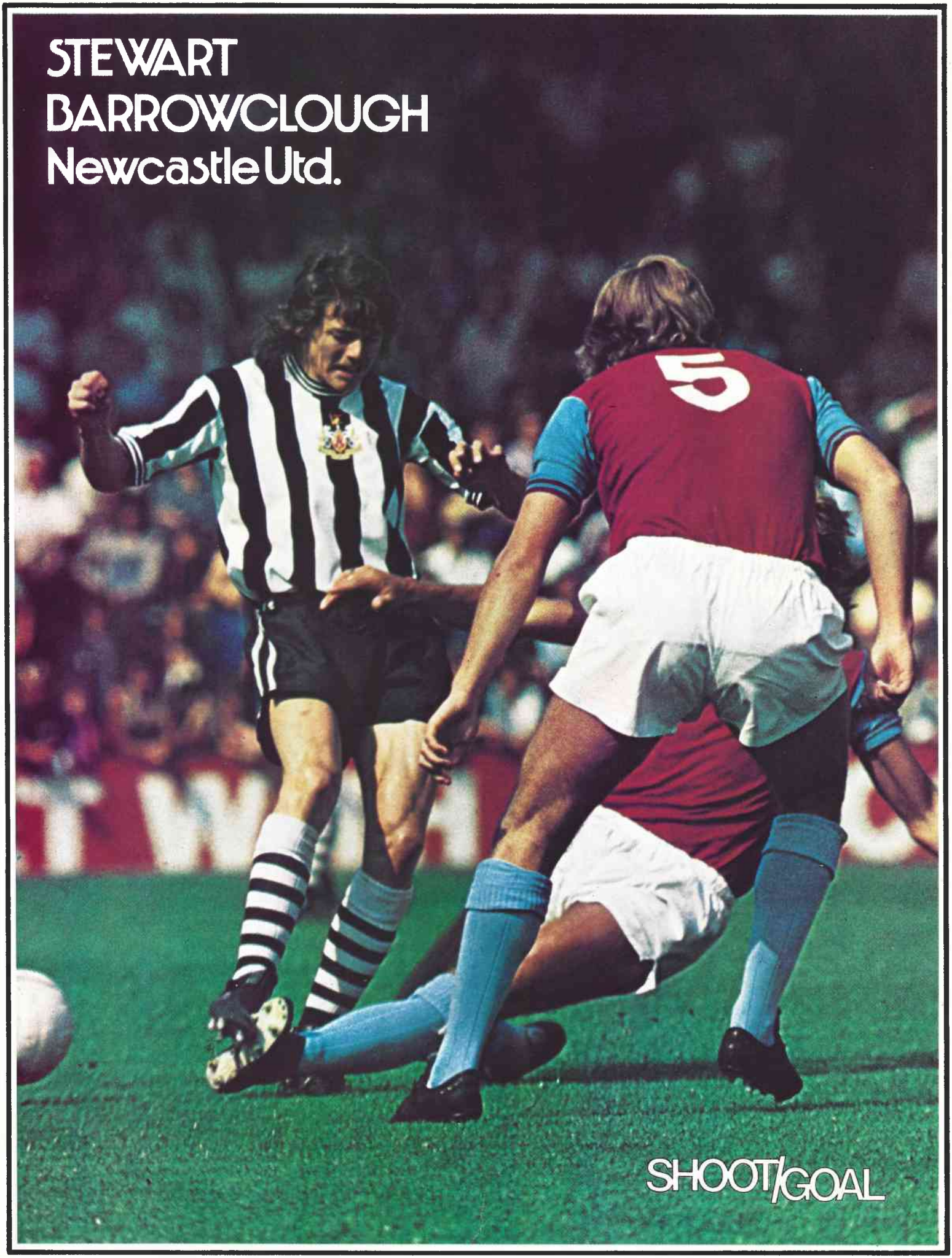
"My best position is midfield," he commented, "but the big snag is Colin Bell plays there for England. But I have one factor in my favour, when the World Cup Finals are played I will be barely 26 and Colin will be 32."

Precocious

If he makes it to international status and stays there it would be no more than Malcolm Allison had confidently forecast four years ago when he made the precocious youngster one of his first-team hopes for the future.

Said Tony finally: "I want Sunderland to get back into the First Division and we could make it this time.

"That would certainly help me make my international name."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YOU ARE THE REF

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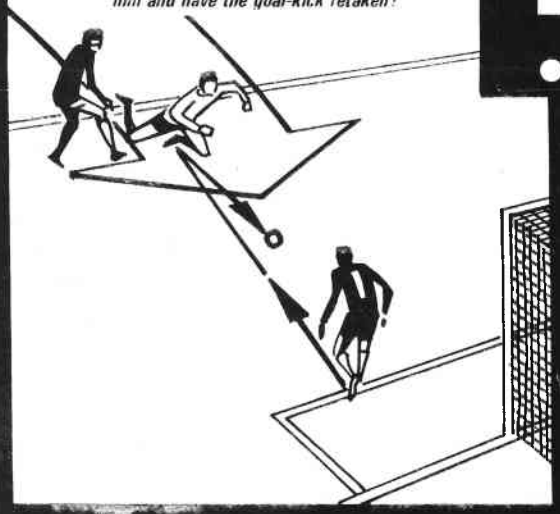
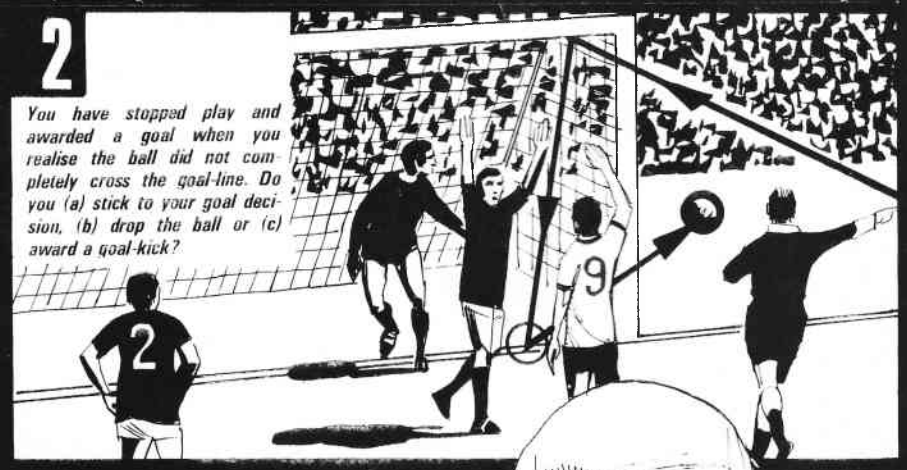
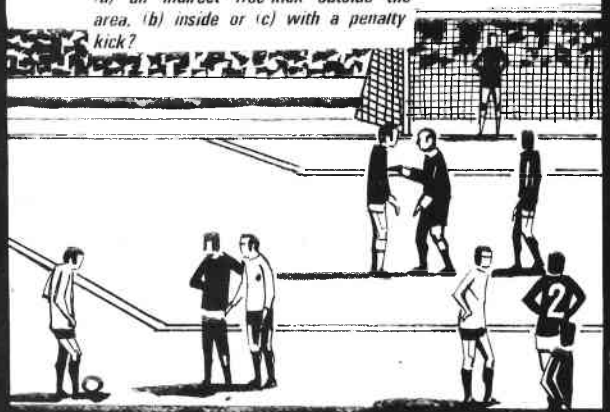
1 *A goal-kick is taken. The ball has not left the penalty-area when an attacker runs in and plays it. He is then tripped by a defender inside the penalty-area. Do you (a) award a penalty, (b) caution the defender and drop the ball or (c) caution him and have the goal-kick retaken?*



2 *You have stopped play and awarded a goal when you realise the ball did not completely cross the goal-line. Do you (a) stick to your goal decision, (b) drop the ball or (c) award a goal-kick?*



3 *The ball is in play outside the penalty-area when a defender, who is inside the area, swears at you. After stopping play to dismiss the player do you restart with (a) an indirect free-kick outside the area, (b) inside or (c) with a penalty kick?*



4 *What is the correct signal to end a match? Do you blow your whistle (a) once, (b) twice or (c) three times?*

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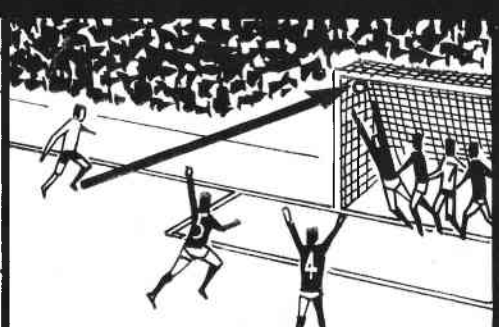
A. When the ball crosses the touch-line an attacking player takes a throw-in before you give a signal.

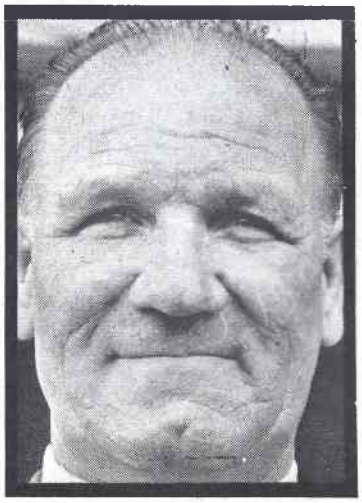
B. The ball goes direct to another attacker who is standing in an offside position.



C. The second attacker kicks the ball into the goal past a team-mate and three defenders standing on the goal-line between the posts. You award a goal. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

1. The ball is not in play when the attacker is tripped. The defender should be cautioned and the goal-kick retaken (c). 2. The goal must not be allowed. Play must be restarted by dropping the ball (b). 3. The offence occurred inside the penalty-area but it is an indirect free-kick (b). 4. There is no specific method of ending play required by the Laws of the Game. You are not wrong whichever answer you give! 5. The problem is in C. The attacker, on the goal-line, is offside because he does not have at least two opponents *between* himself and the goal-line. In A there is no problem. You have discretionary power to allow the throw-in without a signal to keep play moving. In B there is no problem because a player cannot be offside from a throw-in.



Searching for another Bobby Moore — that's the quest of West Ham's chief scout Wally St. Pier

MENTION the name of Wally St. Pier to most soccer fans and you are unlikely to draw a glimmer of recognition. For Wally is one of the faceless men of football — a talent spotter.

Scouts are a race apart — a breed of men whose love of football over-rides other considerations such as lost sleep, endless miles of travel and chill vigils on windswept park pitches.

Wally, who is West Ham's chief scout and played for the club between 1929 and 1939 before taking his present job in 1949, says: "You don't get much recognition being a scout but the kick I get when I see one of 'my lads' make the grade more than makes up for that."

Five Reasons

The current West Ham side gives Wally five good reasons to be proud of himself. Mervyn Day, Frank Lampard, Trevor Brooking, John McDowell and Kevin Lock, all regular first-team players, were discovered by him and his team of scouts.

Says Wally: "The very nature of a scout's job means the frustrations and disappointments outweigh the successes. We are like prospectors driven on by the knowledge there is always the chance of uncovering a hidden gem."

Among the many other players he first spotted are Martin Peters, Geoff Hurst and Bobby Moore . . .

"I think my finest moment came when those three were in the 1966 World Cup-winning side," he declares with justifiable pride.

Wally does not get out as much as he used to but he still reckons on seeing four or five matches a week, always searching for another Moore or Peters.

"The first quality I look for is intelligence," he explains. "A boy must be able to read the game. Then character and, of course, ball control. If a player lacks any of these characteristics it is doubtful whether he will make the grade.

"When I am sure a boy is the right type of player, I approach the man in charge of the game to get a few particulars.

"I always work to create a bond of trust with the parents of schoolboy players and their teachers."

Every young footballer dreams of stardom. Yet only a select few can ever hope to succeed among the top echelons of the game.

"The trouble nowadays is that demand is greater than supply. Some scouts resort to underhand tactics to gain the signature of a young player. That's not for me, though we lose a lot of promising youngsters by not competing in this way with some clubs."

Wally was born at Beacontree Heath, near Dagenham in Essex, and rates Martin Peters as his greatest discovery.

"Nearly every Sunday morning I would go to Parsloes Park at Dagenham and watch Martin play. I was certain he was going to be a big star. He had class written all over him.

"His parents were not so sure and were naturally concerned about Martin entering such a dicey profession.

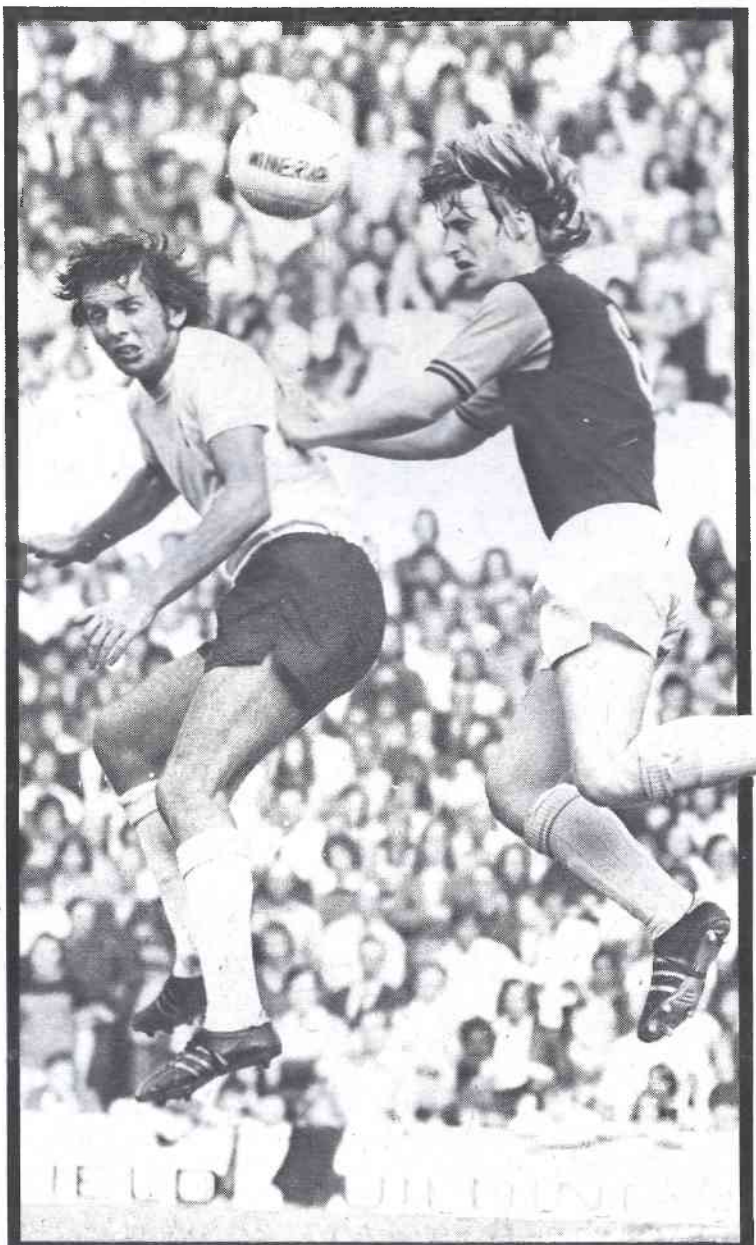
"But in the end I convinced them of Martin's exceptional ability.

"Most people are surprised to hear me name Peters as my best find with competition from players like Moore.

"But, to be honest, when I first saw Moore he looked a very average player. Only continued prompting from one of my contacts kept up my interest in him.

"In the end I recommended him to West Ham as a genuine lad with run-of-the-mill ability as a wing-half. It was one of my easiest signings.

"No other club was interested! It just shows how wrong scouts can be."



Just two stars discovered by Wally St. Pier . . . former Hammer Martin Peters (now Spurs, left) and England Under 23 star Kevin Lock.

Macari almost quit United—and 'Emigrated'!

LOU Macari (left), arguably Manchester United's best player this season, almost quit domestic soccer last term when he and The Reds struggled to find their best form.

United paid £200,000 for Macari, but the former Celtic star found it difficult to settle in England's Division One as The Reds battled unsuccessfully against relegation.

Things got so bad that for a time Macari seriously considered going to America to play.

He explains: "My wife is from the States and football out there is a money-spinner.

"My transfer fee was weighing heavily on me, but this is all in the past now."

As United prepare for life in Division One once more, Macari is playing brilliantly and many fans would liked to have seen him back in the Scotland team that played a vital European Championship tie against Spain in February.

Speaking in the *Manchester Evening News*, Macari continued: "I'm enjoying my football more than ever before. The past is gone . . . it's only the future I think about now."

HAMILTON centre-half Phil Bonnyman is attracting the attention of several clubs including Norwich, Carlisle and Dundee.

WAY BACK in 1964 Peter Osgood and Jim McCalliog were lads together in Chelsea's reserves. Now, after clocking up more than 300 League appearances apiece, they have joined up again at Southampton.

The last time they met on the field was during the 1972-73 season when Jim helped Wolves to take four points from Chelsea.

OWING to a mistake by U.E.F.A. the date of the Northern Ireland / Yugoslavia European Championship-tie has been published incorrectly.

The game will NOT be played on March 16th as announced. It is scheduled for April 16th at Windsor Park, Belfast, kick-off 5.00 p.m.

MOTHERWELL substitute Sammy McIlwraith had to earn his win bonus the hard way in the League match with Hibs — for he played all of 89 minutes and 55 seconds.

The referee had just started the match when Ian Taylor was injured Sammy hadn't even had time to sit on the sub's bench before he was called into action.

FAST GRAY

SPEED is one of the many attributes of Orient starlet Nigel Gray.

He did a lot of sprinting at school, winning honours in his native West London for the 100 and 200 metres.

"That experience has stood me in good stead," says Nigel, "especially in tight situations."

Nigel is equally at home at centre-half or centre-forward.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by PETER STEWART

President Rous

RECENTLY installed as the new President of the London Society of Association Referees was Sir Stanley Rous.

It's a very appropriate appointment for the former F.I.A.A. supremo because the Society has members in 22 countries.

Chairman of the Society and compiler of our YOU ARE THE REF feature, Stan Lover, is seen presenting Sir Stanley with his badge of office.

CLYDEBANK'S young winger Dave Cooper has caught the eye of First Division Sheffield United.

FIRST v. GUNNERS

WHY DO so many clubs make a match against Arsenal a suitable occasion for giving a youngster his League debut?

It happened to: John Pratt, Jimmy Pearce and Ray Evans (for Spurs), Clyde Best and Pat Holland (West Ham), Terry Darracott and Roger Kenyon (Everton), John Farmer, Denis Smith and John Marsh (Stoke), Tommy Booth (Manchester City), Willie Carr (Coventry), Steve Powell (Derby) and Frank Carrodus (Aston Villa).

PORTSMOUTH midfield player Mick Mellows tells me the chess sets he and his brother Norman market are selling extremely well.

The sets are made from moulds discovered in the Island of Lewes, in the Outer Hebrides, in 1831.

The original set — found with the moulds — is thought to have been made in Scotland or Scandinavia in the 12th Century. That set is now in the British Museum.

A LONDON Select XI, chosen by England team-boss Don Revie, will play Ipswich Town at Portman Road on Cup Final eve, Friday 2nd May, for Colin Harper's testimonial.

Ref in Russia

BOBBY Davidson, the Airdrie referee who so nearly got last year's World Cup Final to handle, flies out to Russia next month. He's refereeing the U.S.S.R./Turkey European Championship tie.

All-rounder

HULL CITY paid out £70,000 to Oxford United for Welsh international defender David Roberts last month so they should know that he's quite an all-round sportsman. He also gained honours at school for cricket, basketball, swimming, and athletics.

THE CLYDE v. Morton League match was postponed last month because Morton had 13 players out with flu. Is this something of a record in Scotland?

Wrong View

"THREE up and three down has not been of any benefit to League football," says Wolves boss Bill McGarry.

He added: "A lot of people disagreed with me at the outset when I stated that the change would only create more pressure on the game.

"Now many of these people are coming up to me and apologising and saying that I am correct and they have been wrong in their views on this subject."

'Twin' strikers

"IF CHICK Bates and Ray Haywood score only half as many goals for Shrewsbury during the coming season as they did for Stourbridge in the last campaign they will more than repay their £10,000 transfer fee."

That's what we said in SHOOT (13th July, 1974 issue) and although "The Terrible Twins" could not have been expected to reach their incredible record of 101 goals for Stourbridge last season they have settled down well.

Alan Durban, Shrewsbury's manager, rates Chick and Ray as "The best pair of strikers in the Fourth Division." Which is one of the reasons why the Gay Meadow club are heading for a quick return to the Third.

SORE HEADS

THE ball floats across ... Rangers star Derek Johnstone (white strip) and Aberdeen sweeper Eddie Thomson both jump to head it.

Then ... crack! In going for the ball, the players clash heads — and Eddie needs 12 stitches!

FINN Harps, the Donegal side that won the F.A.I. Cup for the first time last season, were knocked out in the Second Round this term.

They were sensationally crushed 4-0 by Cork Hibernians in Cork.

But financial consolation may be on the way to Harps, for Celtic have expressed interest in defender Liam Monagle, mid-fielder Jim Smith and striker Hilary Carlisle.

BRIAN Stubbs has responded well to the cares of captaincy at Notts County.

Stubbs took over as skipper when Don Masson was transferred to Q.P.R. last December.

County had to sell Masson because of their financial position ... they may find it hard to hold on to Brian for the same reason.

If they do decide to part with him, expect bids from Leicester and Derby.

BRIGHTON'S HIGHEST?

DESPITE being out the side for a month through injury, Fred Binney could become Brighton's highest scorer for five seasons.

Fred got 25 goals for Exeter last term and netted seven for Brighton in his first 15 games this campaign.

He will be trying for 17 — a total which no other Brighton player has managed in the League for five years.

GOAL-LINES

This week's Star Letter comes from Bernard Hare of Leeds who wins our Special Prize of £2. He writes:

PAY REFS £30!

AFTER refereeing a minor game, I realise what an arduous task refs have.

Players were appealing and complaining from all directions, it was almost impossible to make any decision.

It is vital the refs have full control and respect, and I fully agree with booking players for dissent.

I received just 75p for my troubles and I think League refs should be paid a minimum of £30 per match.

We have always maintained a referee's job is far from being an easy one, Bernard. Refs, like players, make mistakes, but players don't always allow for the whistler's problems.

I sometimes wonder what would happen if a referee showed his disgust every time a player missed an open goal or made a bad pass! — Ed.

Attacking Arsenal...

I'M a Liverpool fan and just about the only other team I admire is Arsenal. They're the sole side who come to Anfield for two points, which is to their credit. Unfortunately, they've managed to do so for the past three seasons!

A REDS FAN,
BROMHAM.

Now read on ...

...On The Decline

THE decline of Arsenal is due to their transfer and youth policy. The sale of Frank McLintock was disastrous, Jeff Blockley never settled and they've hung on to George Armstrong, who is too old now.

Bob McNab and Peter Storey have been off-form since 1972. The only youngster who has come through is Liam Brady — so why Arsenal bought Alex Cropley, who plays in the same position, is beyond me.

DANIEL SIMMONS,
LONDON N.W.5.

You're being rather harsh, David. You can't expect The Gunners to hit the peak of winning the Double every year. — Ed.

Loyal John

WHY does nobody ever mention John Hurst, who has served Everton with rare loyalty since he joined them from school?

He's the only player left from the 1970 Championship side and is still performing as reliably as ever.

IAN BOND-WEBSTER,
WIMBORNE.

John's loyalty, consistency and temperament are fine examples to all youngsters, Ian. — Ed.

Mini Championship

WHY not have a Mini-European Championship for the weaker soccer countries such as Finland, Luxembourg and Malta?

It would give them the chance of glory instead of being eternal underdogs.

ANDREW SUMMERFIELD,
MAULDEN.

There would be little interest in such a competition, Andrew, because the smaller nations rely on games with the "giants" to boost local interest and their finances. — Ed.

Thanks, Charlie

ALTHOUGH I live in Rotherham I see Chelsea as often as I can.

The reason? Charlie Cooke, who has made a fantastic comeback, delighting crowds the way he did three or four years ago.

He fully deserved his recall to the Scotland team and I'd like to thank Charlie for bringing a lot of delight back to Chelsea fans.

TONY PARKIN,
ROTHERHAM.

We add our thanks to such a wonderful and colourful entertainer, Tony. — Ed.

Send your letters to GOAL-LINES, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4AD. £2 for the Star Letter — £1 for every other letter published. When writing to us, please mention the two features you liked best in the latest issue of SHOOT/GOAL!

'Play me as a striker and I'll get the goals'

promises WILLIE JOHNSTON (West Brom)

GOALS! That's what this great game of football is all about. And goals are what I'm after . . . all the time.

All right, study my goals statistics since joining West Bromwich from Rangers and it doesn't look very impressive.

Not a goal to my credit during our relegation season of 1972-73. Mind you, Albion were deep in the danger-zone when they paid around £120,000 for me. But a few goals from their new signing might have helped.

Last season I scored two goals in 35 League matches. Again a tally of which I am not proud. But this term I am doing slightly better and at the end of February had collected five goals.

Let's be honest, that's not good enough. However, I promise any Albion fan this — I would get goals regularly if I was allowed to play in the middle as a striker.

Albion use me as a wide front-runner. What I want to do is to play inside and do some scoring. You think that I can't do it? Well, let me tell any doubters I was Rangers' top scorer for two successive seasons — and each time I hit 28 goals.

If you need any proof ask Coventry City striker Colin Stein. I played alongside Colin and he will tell you I was always good for about 20 goals a season.

They may be harder to come by South of the border, but not so much as my English figures suggest. And please don't give me all that nonsense about goal-getters having to be big.

Alan Buckley, who keeps popping them in for Walsall and is one of the leading scorers in the four Divisions, is only 5ft. 6ins. tall. That is one inch smaller than me.

Lou Macari, one of Manchester United's danger-men around goal, is just 5ft. 5½ins. And striker Stuart Pearson, who cost United the same fee — £200,000 — is 5ft. 8ins.

And in the First Division where is there a better goal-getter than Frannie Lee? The former Manchester City and England striker is finding the net regularly for Derby County. Not bad for a player who is only 5ft. 7½ins. in height.

So that should dispose of the theory that height is vital to be a successful striker. It is sharpness in the box that matters and speed off the mark.

It is not for me to say if I am sharp in the box; nor is it my job to claim I am fast off the mark.

The former is surely proved by my goals for Rangers. The second may remain unanswered, but one good judge of pace is willing to back me against any player in the Football League over 40 yards.

As it is his money at stake, I wouldn't be afraid to have a go . . . and I have a sneaking feeling he wouldn't be far out and could even collect the cash.

All of what I have said is not intended as any kind of criticism of Albion manager Don Howe. He is doing a good job and — if reports I read in the newspapers are correct — I must be doing OK on the wing.

Which brings me to another point . . . my disciplinary record. It's cost me plenty in suspensions and fines. (Even in football "crime" doesn't pay).

But I am not always the "criminal" — honest. If I do get in the referee's book it is usually through frustration. And I am not frustrated at playing on the wing. But I would love to play through the middle. Perhaps, one day . . .

'I'm backing Gordon Jago'

says Millwall signing Ray Evans

EYEBROWS were raised in many quarters, when Ray Evans crossed the River Thames from North London giants Tottenham to Second Division strugglers Millwall.

Soccer pundits not only expressed surprise at Tottenham's first-team willingness to release Evans, who, until the sudden recall of Eire international Joe Kinnear, had been the regular right-back for a long spell.

The fee of £35,000 also seemed ridiculous. One sarcastic fan groaned: "Spurs have given away enough bad goals this season — now they are giving away players."

Evans shrugs his shoulders at all this bewilderment, and says: "I know that there are strong opinions Spurs were too hasty in letting me go, and I rushed into the move to The Den.

"Naturally, I would have preferred to stay a First Division footballer, and help Spurs out of their own relegation danger. After all, they've always been my local favourites since I was a kid.

"Regrettably, I began to feel unsettled this season. Terry Neill took over from Bill Nicholson as manager, and within a few weeks my long run in the first-team was at an end.

"All right, I was not playing well, and we had suffered a sequence of poor results. But there were others off-form who escaped the axe, and when Phil Beal, who was given my number two shirt, was injured, Joe Kinnear and not me was brought in as replacement against West Ham on Boxing Day.

"I was not even made substitute, and this, in effect, proved to be the final straw. I was aware Millwall boss, Gordon Jago, had shown an interest in me when he was in charge of Queens Park Rangers, and on learning he wanted me for his new side, I was keen to talk terms.

"I have a lot of respect and appreciation for Gordon's abilities as a coach and manager. You've got to believe in him, after the way he led Q.P.R. to promotion in 1972-73.

"Of course, Millwall's position around the bottom of the table is serious. But I would not have joined them had I not been sure Gordon's burning ambition is evident throughout the club.

"Everyone is determined to put Millwall among the leading clubs in the country. It's a wholehearted desire that is shared wherever you look at the ground — from the Chairman down to the office boys.

"The feeling is reflected in the dressing-room. Team spirit is great. Nobody mentions relegation. The chat is about our rosy future, Millwall are going places, and I aim to play my part along the route."

The 26-year-old Evans, whose reputation at White Hart Lane was built on sturdy, adventurous full-back performances, has mixed views about the midfield role he filled in his dream debut for Millwall against Cardiff.

Evans, a former England youth international, headed Millwall's first goal in a 5-1 triumph. He says: "I think I'm more suited to be a full-back. I like to break fast on the flank and feed the forwards with an accurate cross. Still, I'm happy to play in the middle of the park, if that is what's needed."

Neighbours

Evans is reunited at Millwall with former Tottenham defender Eddie Jones, and the pair, who are neighbours, travel together to training.

After ten years at Tottenham, and a single-minded battle for senior recognition which ended last season in missing only two League outings, and a central importance in the march to the U.E.F.A. Cup Final against Feyenoord, Evans could be expected to regard his departure as a wrench.

"It's no use crying over it," he says, philosophically. "Maybe it's a shame things did not work out, but this is a fresh challenge and I am looking forward to it very much."

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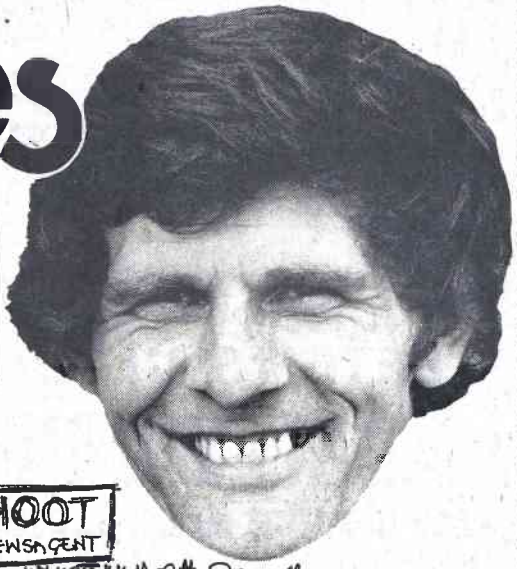

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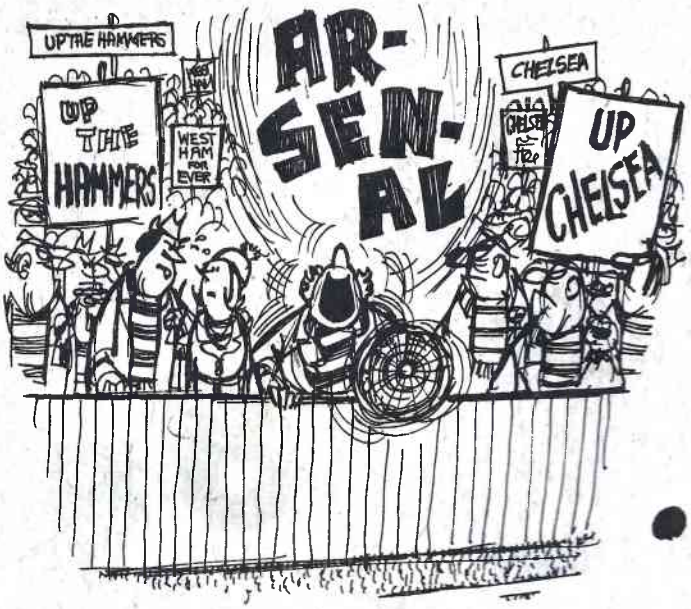
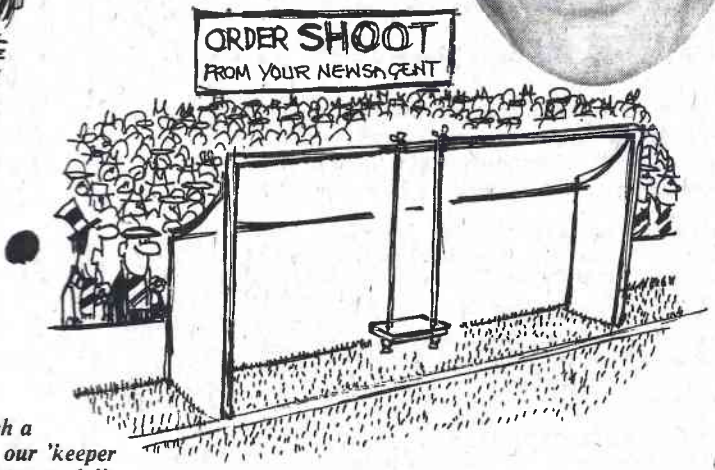
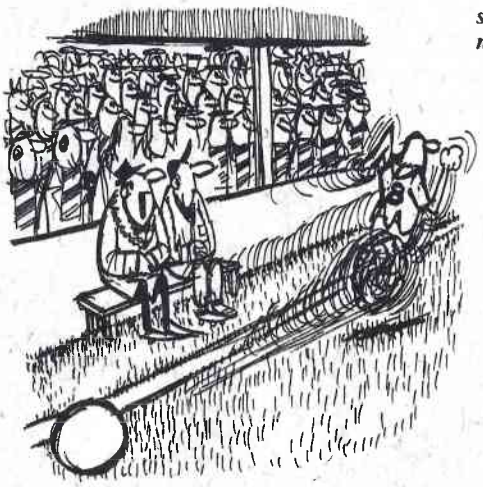


"Would you mind telling your mother to belt up"



"We've got such a strong defence, our 'keeper never has anything to do"



"He's got the speed all right if only he could remember to take the ball with him"

"I bet we're the only team in the League who can't afford a bath"

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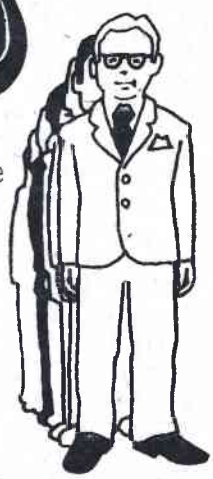
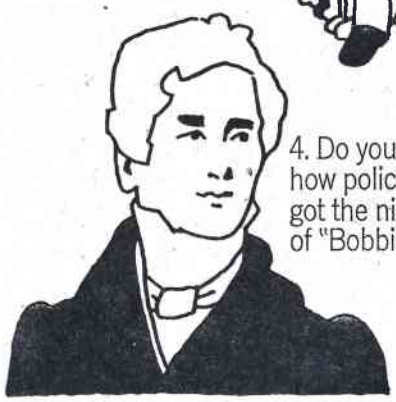
What do you know about the police?

1. How many police motorbikes are there in England and Wales?



2. What is the minimum number of people required on an identification parade?

3. Can policewomen make arrests?



4. Do you know how policemen got the nickname of "Bobbies"?

5. How many police officers in England and Wales received national awards for bravery in 1972?

This is the fifth in a series showing the background, present-day working and development of Britain's police. If you missed any of the previous ones and would like copies, or would like further information about the police, please write to:- Police Quiz, Dept **CD72**, Home Office, London SW1A 2AP.

ANSWERS

1. Nearly 3,700.
2. Eight.
3. Yes, a policewoman has the same powers as a policeman.
4. From Sir Robert Peel. Home Secretary, when the Metropolitan Police was formed in 1829.
5. 45.

SHOOT/GOAL

CLUB FILE

Their record over the past ten years

COVENTRY

F.A. CUP RECORD

1965-66.....Fifth Round
1966-67.....Third Round
1967-68.....Fourth Round
1968-69.....Fourth Round
1969-70.....Third Round
1970-71.....Third Round
1971-72.....Fourth Round
1972-73.....Sixth Round
1973-74.....Fifth Round
1974-75.....Fourth Round

Arsenal winger George Armstrong strikes ... and Coventry are on their way out of this season's F.A. Cup competition.

WITH over three-quarters of the season gone, Coventry have nothing left to gain but a few points to keep their position in the First Division secure.

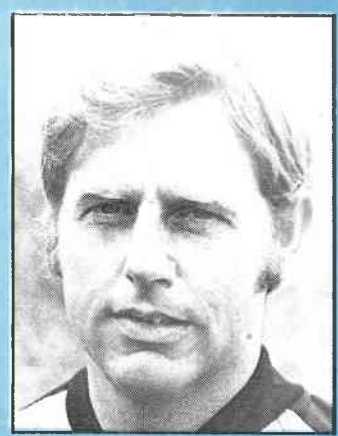
They are one of the sides in the top League who seem to specialise in getting draws. If they had only won more games, they would have been up among the leading clubs in a season that has seen the Championship wide open.

Team-manager Gordon Milne (right) splashed out £240,000 to Liverpool for centre-back Larry Lloyd in August, 1974.

By signing Lloyd he not only bought a dominant defender but a player who loves to come up for set-pieces and score. By the middle of February only two City players had hit more goals than big Larry.

Willie Carr is still supplying the dynamo style of midfield play he is famed for, and in Tommy Hutchison the club have one of the most graceful runners on the ball in the game.

The player that has really come to the fore at Highfield Road is Graham Oakey. What a



fine young defender Coventry have in this Worcester-born player.

City strikers Colin Stein, David Cross and Brian Alderson have all been among the goals, but at the time of writing none of the three has managed to reach double figures.

With the experience gained in this season's campaign, the youngsters of Coventry should definitely be hunting for honours next season.

EUROPEAN RECORD

FAIRS CUP

1970-71.....Second Round

LEAGUE CUP RECORD

1965-66.....Fourth Round
1966-67.....Third Round
1967-68.....Second Round
1968-69.....Fourth Round
1969-70.....Second Round
1970-71.....Fifth Round
1971-72.....Second Round
1972-73.....Third Round
1973-74.....Fifth Round
1974-75.....Second Round

LEAGUE RECORD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	Pos.	Div
1964-65	42	17	9	16	72	70	43	10	2
1965-66	42	20	13	9	73	53	53	3	2
1966-67	42	23	13	6	74	43	59	1	2
1967-68	42	9	15	18	51	71	33	20	1
1968-69	42	10	11	21	46	64	31	20	1
1969-70	42	19	11	12	58	48	49	6	1
1970-71	42	16	10	16	37	38	42	10	1
1971-72	42	9	15	18	44	67	33	18	1
1972-73	42	13	9	20	40	55	35	19	1
1973-74	42	14	10	18	43	54	38	16	1

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COVENTRY

BACK ROW (left to right): Alan Green, Mick Coop, Colin Stein, Chris Cattlin, Wilf Smith, Willie Carr.

CITY

MIDDLE ROW: Tommy Casey (former coach, now manager of Grimsby Town), Les Cartwright, Jimmy Holmes, Bill Glazier, Neil Ramsbottom, Dennis Mortimer, Alan Dugdale.
FRONT ROW: David Cross, Tommy Hutchison, John Craven, Gordon Milne (team-manager), Peter Hindley, Mick McGuire (now Norwich City), Brian Alderson.

SHOOT/GOAL

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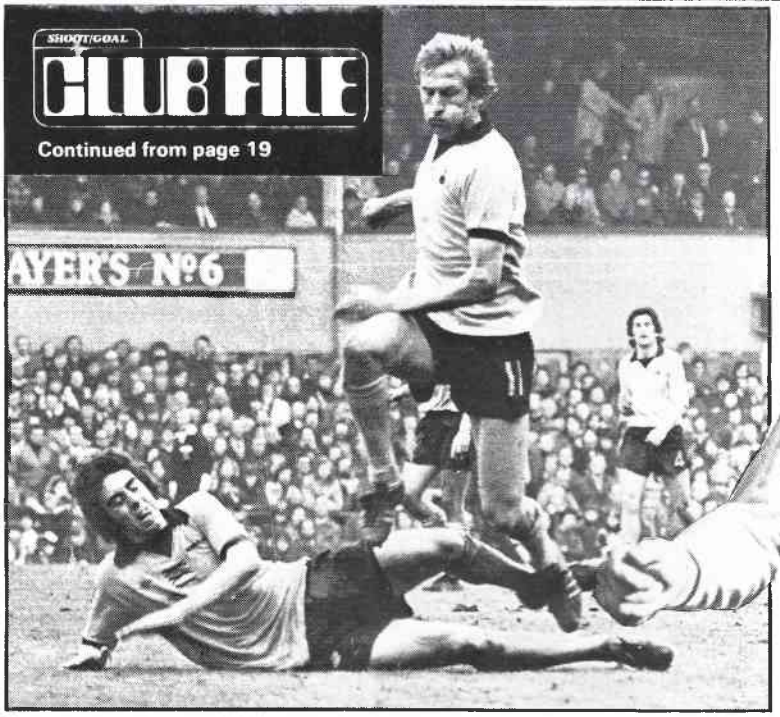
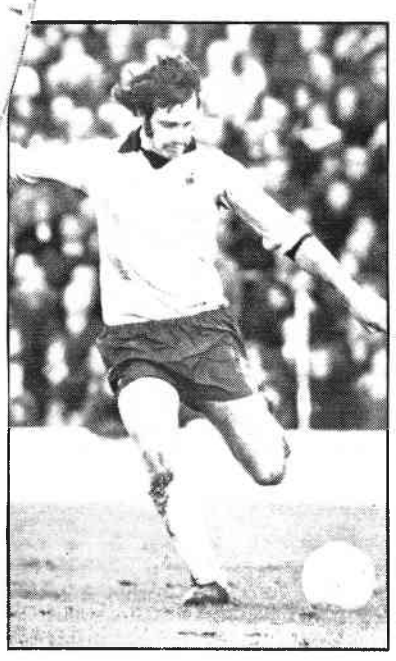


ABOVE . . . Tommy Hutchison is tackled by Geoff Palmer in a Wolves /Coventry local derby game.

LEFT . . . City's top sale, £200,000 centre-half Jeff Blockley to Arsenal in 1972. BELOW . . . Top buy, Larry Lloyd, who cost The Sky Blues £240,000 from Liverpool.



AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCES

1964-75	26,620
1965-66	25,374
1966-67	28,269
1967-68	34,769
1968-69	33,223
1969-70	31,911
1970-71	26,039
1971-72	24,505
1972-73	29,766
1973-74	23,280

LOCAL DERBY MATCHES

1965-66	Coventry	2	Wolves	1
	Wolves	0	Coventry	1
1966-67	Coventry	3	Wolves	1
	Wolves	1	Coventry	3
1967-68	Coventry	1	Wolves	0
	Wolves	2	Coventry	0
1968-69	Coventry	0	Wolves	1
	Wolves	1	Coventry	1
1969-70	Coventry	1	Wolves	0
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1972-73	Coventry	0	Wolves	1
	Wolves	3	Coventry	0
1973-74	Coventry	1	Wolves	0
	Wolves	1	Coventry	1

Ernie Hunt, a regular goal-scorer in his Coventry days.

TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

1964-65	George Hudson	19
1965-66	George Hudson	13
1966-67	Bobby Gould	24
1967-68	Neil Martin	18
1968-69	Ernie Hunt	11
1969-70	Neil Martin	14
1970-71	Ernie Hunt	10
1971-72	Ernie Hunt	12
1972-73	Brian Alderson	13
1973-74	Brian Alderson	9

TOP TRANSFERS AT HIGHFIELD ROAD

Bought

Aug 1974	Larry Lloyd from Liverpool	£240,000
Nov 1973	David Cross from Norwich	£150,000
Oct 1972	Colin Stein from Rangers	£140,000
Oct 1972	Tommy Hutchison from Blackpool	£140,000
Aug 1970	Wilf Smith from Sheffield Wed.	£100,000
Feb 1968	Neil Martin from Sunderland	£90,000

Sold

Oct 1972	Jeff Blockley to Arsenal	£200,000
Feb 1968	Bobby Gould to Arsenal	£90,000
Jan 1975	Mick McGuire to Norwich	£60,000
June 1974	Bobby Parker to Carlisle	£60,000
Sept 1973	Roy Barry to C. Palace	£45,000

SCORE A SOCCER CENTURY

Award yourself ten points for each question you get right. Answers below.

1. True or false: Manchester City's Colin Bell began his League career with Bolton?

2. Nottingham Forest's manager Brian Clough recently returned to his former club, Leeds United, and paid around £60,000 for the services of two players. Can you name them both?

3. John Radford (below) scored his 100th, 150th or 200th goal for Arsenal when he hit the only goal of an F.A. Cup Fifth Round second replay against Leicester at Filbert Street recently?

4. Can you name this former Liverpool star (above) who was a member of England's successful 1966 World Cup winning side?

5. Wilf McGuinness was appointed as boss of Second Division Sheffield Wednesday, West Brom or York City last month?

6. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the home of one of Scotland's top clubs... WAHDISFLE ATMIDSU.

7. Luton Town's John Aston played a major role in helping Manchester United beat Benfica 4-1, after extra-time, to clinch the 1968 European Cup at Wembley ... but did the likeable winger get his name on the scoresheet?

8. In an Under-23 game between Wales and Scotland at Swansea, in February, the Scotland goalkeeper was making his international debut. Do you know him?

9. During a First Division game between Chelsea and Newcastle, played on Saturday 22nd February, a young Stamford Bridge player, in only his fourth senior game, scored his first goal for the club ... can you name him?

10. On Saturday, March 15th, a Scottish First Division game is scheduled to take place at Gayfield Park. The hosts entertain a club from Broomfield Park. Can you identify the two teams?

ANSWERS

CHECK YOUR RATING

90-100 ... Excellent. 70-80 ... Very good. 50-60 ... Average. Under 50 ... Never mind, try again next week.

1. False (he began with Bury). 2. John O'Hare and John McGovern. 3. 150th 4. Roger Hunt. 5. York City. 6. Shaw field Stadium (home of Clyde). 7. No. 8. Stewart Kennedy (Rangers). 9. Steve Finnieston. 10. Arbroath and Airdrie.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

Across: (1) BEST. (3) PLATT. (7) ASA. (9) NOR. (10) UP. (12) GOULD. (13) IS. (15) RAP. (17) HOT. (18) EUROPEAN CUP. (19) BEE. (20) ORE. (22) SPEED. (25) ROY. (26) AN. (28) YET. (30) MOORE. (31) NOBLE.
Down: (1) BOURNE. (2) TAG. (3) PAUL REANEY. (4) AND. (5) TO. (6) TRIO. (8) SO. (11) PA. (14) STEPNEY. (16) PARKES. (17) HECTOR. (19) BOAM. (21) ROLL. (23) PER. (24) DEN. (27) NO. (29) TO.
Jumbled Name: GRAHAM PADDON

I ENJOY my soccer as much as anyone, but one thing about present-day football attitudes that really annoys me is the relentless pursuit by some individuals of money, money and more money.

I realise footballers have a fairly short career and we have to make enough cash to ensure a comfortable living after retiring from the game, but, honestly, if I won the pools tomorrow I would continue playing the game — FOR NOTHING!

I love the sport and dread the day when I am unable to play to the best of my capabilities.

Now let's get away from the money angle.

I have been playing for the Greenock club for five years — yet I am still only 21. I made my debut for the team when I was 16 and since then I have hardly missed a game.

In fact, I think I have missed only one game in the past three seasons and that was because I was injured.

I am proud of that record, but I am not so happy with my goal-scoring rate. At the time of writing I have only scored one goal, and even if I am a right-back I really think I should have bagged more.

'Football first — money second'

by Davie Hayes *(Morton)*

And what about my solitary effort? It came three seasons ago against Kilmarnock's World Cup squad goalkeeper Jim Stewart in a match at Rugby Park.

The ball came to me on the right and I was at a tight angle. I suppose a crossball was the expected move. However, I saw my opening and hammered the ball straight and it flew past the startled Stewart.

Lucky Shot

It wasn't a bad goal, but I can tell you I wasn't too happy the next day when I bought just about every single Sunday newspaper to read about my 'wonder goal' — and instead found most reporters were saying a cross from yours truly had sliced off my boot and luckily beat the goalkeeper. Charming!

But, like I said earlier, I enjoy my game and I know you have to take the rough with the smooth.

As a right-back most of my duties are obviously defensive ones, but there is nothing I like better than to move up with our attackers. I have made several goals with crosses from the wing and I can't explain the pleasure I get when I see the ball hit the back of the net.

At the same time, though, I get a lot of personal satisfaction from clearing a shot off my own goal-line.

What about my ambitions? Obviously I would love to play for my country. When Tommy Docherty was in charge I played in an Under-23 trial match three seasons ago, but unfortunately that wasn't the start of international fame for me.

I have to be realistic, though. I am only 21 and have a lot to learn.

If a Morton player makes the international breakthrough he would have earned it the hard way.

We don't get a lot of publicity at Cappielow and this can be very annoying at times.

I enjoy my soccer with Morton, but, looking to the future, I suppose I would like to move on to experience better things.

What about England? I expect I could learn a lot South of the border. Newcastle, for some reason or another, have always meant something special to me. They are a good, solid team with a lot of superb players.

Anyway, I'm in no rush to leave Morton, who have been good to me and helped me in every way possible. I owe a lot to general manager Hal Stewart, who gave me my first big opportunity, and to manager Erik Sorensen, who has taught me about the finer arts of the game.

I would like to sign off with a bit of advice to any budding soccer star — Forget the money and get on with the game!

'NO TITLE TALK AT

on the ball with
BILLY BREMNER

ALTHOUGH Leeds United have quietly crept up the First Division table in recent weeks, hot on the heels of the favourite Championship contenders, there's been no talk of winning the title among the lads at Elland Road.

That doesn't mean to say we don't want to hold on to our title crown — of course, we do — but this season we've set our hearts on winning the European Cup.

I've said in a recent column this is the big one as far as Leeds are concerned ... this is the trophy we are all striving for.

For years winning the European Cup has been a dream at Elland Road, first under Don Revie and now under Jimmy Armfield.

As you know Leeds go into European action next Wednesday (March 19th) when we travel to Belgium to meet Anderlecht in the second-leg of our Quarter-Final-tie.

How can I forecast anything but success for a Leeds side which has regained a lot of its old authority and class.

Before that, though, we are involved in another vital match ... a game with two precious Championship points at stake ... against table-toppers Everton.

This is a very tough one for Leeds AND Everton. Let's face it — no sides relishes the thought of coming to Elland Road, especially a team with so much at stake as The Toffees from Goodison Park.

To be honest, I haven't seen Everton play this season. I know they beat Leeds 3-2 on their own park back in September, but if you remember I was under suspension.

Rarely Beaten

From what I've been told and read, Everton appear to struggle at times ... but they still get results. They might not always play well enough to win, but are rarely beaten. I think they have drawn about 15 League games so far this season.

I never thought the situation would arise these days, when a team winning at home and drawing away would be good enough to win the title. Everton could prove me wrong.

Our attitude at Leeds has always been ... to get success and win Championships you must go out to win EVERY match.

Many people have unfairly criticised Everton this season for being too defensive. They may have a point, but generally the Everton side of today is being compared to the team which won the League title in 1970.

Now there was a team of excitement and flair with players such as Colin Harvey, Alan Ball, Howard Kendall, Jimmy Husband, Johnny Morrissey, Tommy Wright and Keith Newton.

I'm not saying the present side isn't a good one — because it is — but in no way can it be likened to those Goodison greats.

Billy Bingham's present side plays on its strength — which lies in defence — and relies on the quick breakaway to score goals.

It's a situation which has brought results and taken the club to the top of the First Division this season.

No manager in Billy's position would change a proven policy with the League title race drawing to a dramatic and exciting climax.

Although Everton are as tight at the back as their record proves, they can also be a threat up front where Jim Pearson and Bob Latchford cause most damage to opponents.

They are particularly strong in midfield with Martin Dobson, the boy Mick Buckley and underrated Dave Clements all in tip-top form at the moment.

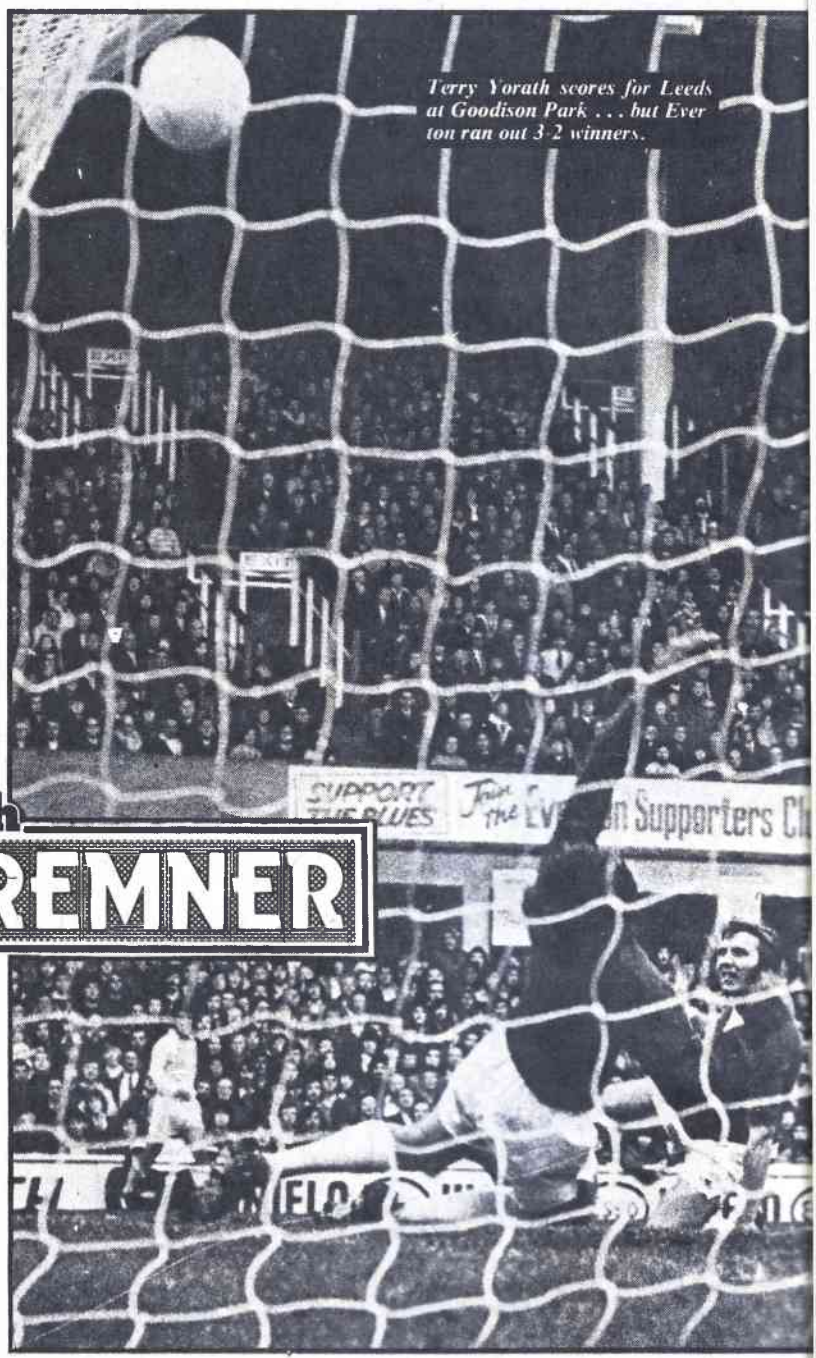
So is goalkeeper Dai Davies, who has taken over from Dave Lawson this term.

I've a great admiration for Everton and their boss Billy Bingham, but I'm confident Leeds will have the edge over them on Saturday.

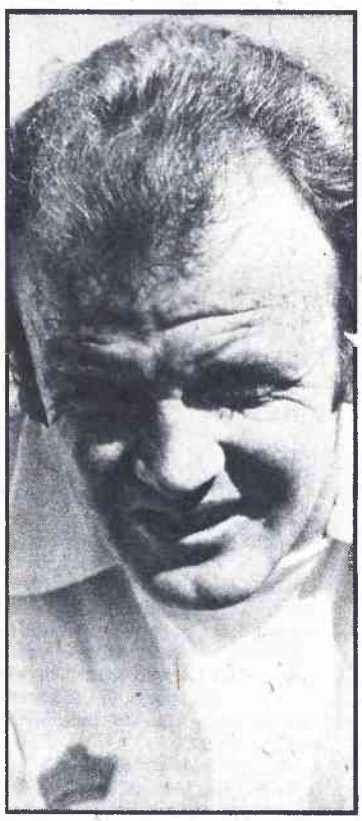
Whatever happens, though, I still don't think they will win the title. I've got a sneaking feeling their Merseyside rivals Liverpool could clinch it.

I know I've mentioned such clubs as Stoke City in recent weeks, and they are still very much in the race, but now I've a hunch The Reds are going to make up for their F.A. Cup and European Cup-Winners' Cup disappointments.

They haven't been really impressive of late and people have been writing them off ... but that is just when Liverpool are at their most dangerous!



Terry Yorath scores for Leeds at Goodison Park ... but Everton ran out 3-2 winners.



ELLAND ROAD'

Bob Paisley's super Reds are professional through and through . . . nothing is left to chance.

We've yet to meet at Elland Road in the League this season, so the title could well be decided that day.

But what about our other Championship rivals — Stoke, Derby, Ipswich, Burnley and Manchester City? Obviously I'm not going to write any of them off completely, especially my earlier tip, Stoke.

It would be a fantastic achievement if The Potters do win the League. After a great start they were hit by injuries to key players such as John Ritchie and Mike Pejic.

Despite these handicaps, manager Tony Waddington has managed to keep his side well in the running.

Having said all that, and bearing in mind we're hunting for that pot of European gold, don't dismiss Leeds United.

After a poor start which saw us slump to third or fourth from bottom of the table at one stage we've staged a remarkable recovery.

Now we are nicely placed within striking distance of the leaders.

Sometimes I can hardly believe that we are still very much involved in both the European Cup and League Championship.

Just three victories in our first 12 League games, the upheaval of Brian Clough, my suspension and then the long lay off because of injury. Everything pointed to a disastrous campaign at Elland Road.

I was like a bear with a sore head at the prospect of winning nothing. Now I'm back on top of the world.

A friend asked me the other day if I thought our coming from behind this season has been a good thing for the club.

What he meant was, have Leeds benefited from not being subjected to pressures. I disagreed with him because we don't suffer from pressures at Elland Road.

We've been living and playing in the cauldron-like atmosphere of success for a decade or more so we're used to it.

Pressures do affect other teams, though. A side strongly tipped for this honour and that Cup strive to live up to expectations.

As a result players become frightened of making a mistake, apprehensive about coming forward.

Like Leeds, Liverpool have learned to live with pressures, another reason why I think they could end up winning the title for the second time in three years.

Before I sign off this week, here's a piece of behind-the-scenes gossip from Elland Road. A sort of Bremner News Flash!

Norman "Bites Yer Leg" Hunter has had his famous left leg immortalised.

The big fellow, who is in his testimonial season, got quite a surprise when he visited the Bradford branch of the Leeds Supporters Club recently.

He was presented with a bronze statue of his left leg.

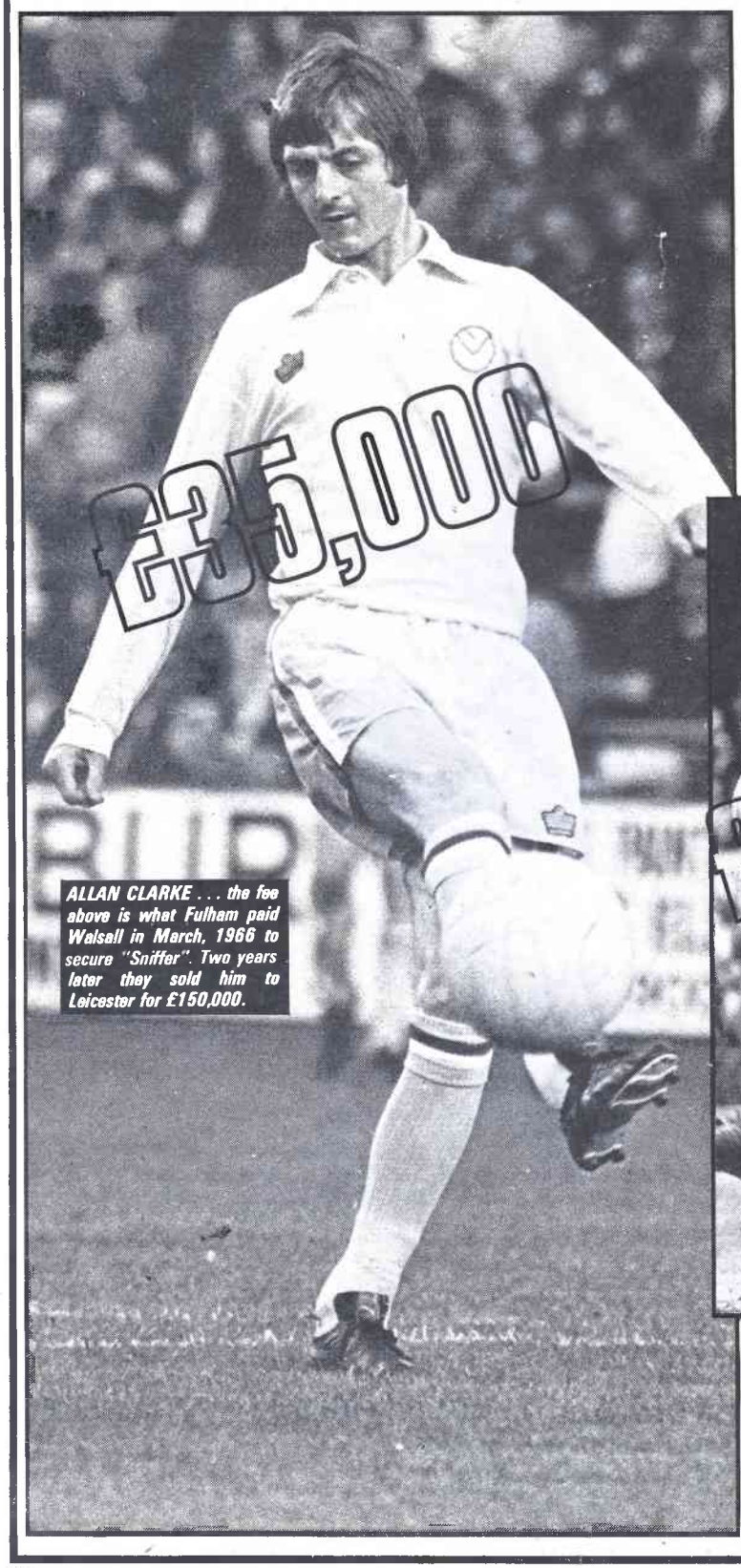
The sculptor, who copied the leg from a photograph, had added a few teeth marks to symbolise Norman's aggression. A great gesture to a super bloke.

Cheers for now . . .

Billy Bremner

Steve Heighway celebrates his goal which gave Liverpool victory over Leeds at Anfield.

STARS AT GIVE-AWAY PRICES



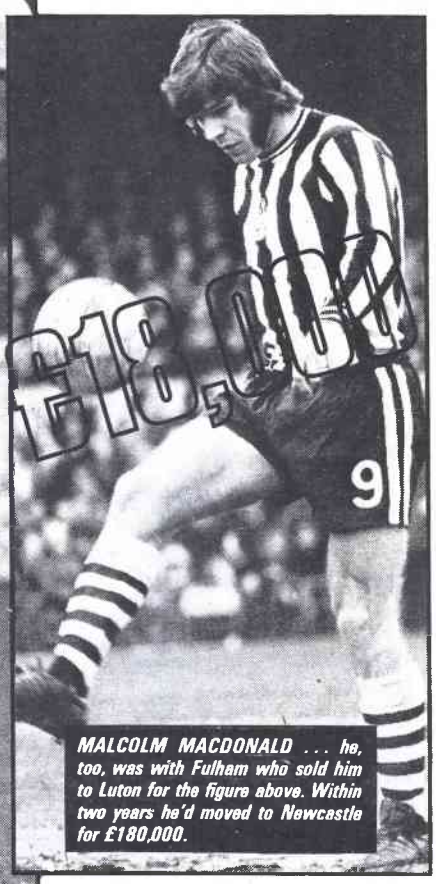
ALLAN CLARKE . . . the fee above is what Fulham paid Walsall in March, 1966 to secure "Sniffer". Two years later they sold him to Leicester for £150,000.

Several of today's most expensive players were once sold for bargain-basement fees — or even for nothing!

MANAGERS are a bit like referees. None of them is perfect — and the best are those who make the fewest mistakes where it matters most.

These mistakes come in all shapes and sizes — but, in these days of widespread economic gloom - and - doom, one of the biggest can be buying a player for too much.

Or, perhaps even more frustrating, selling one for too little.



MALCOLM MACDONALD . . . he, too, was with Fulham who sold him to Luton for the figure above. Within two years he'd moved to Newcastle for £180,000.

Take Fulham. They've done it twice over in recent times.

They just didn't see much future in one burly, and rather awkward-looking, left-back on their books.

So they sold him to Luton for £18,000, where the then manager Alec Stock promptly waved a magic wand, transformed the cast-off defender into a dynamic striker — and then sold him again, a couple of years later, to Newcastle for £180,000. That man was Malcolm Macdonald.

Good business for Stock, now in charge of Fulham himself, to spot some potential that all the others had missed in "Supermac" — though it wasn't his first rock-bottom bargain-buy from the club he now manages.

In 1966, while at Q.P.R. he picked up an unorthodox young Fulham forward for £15,000. His name was Rodney Marsh.

Six years, and many triumphs, later "Rod-nee" moved on to Manchester City as one of the first £200,000 men.

So, while Fulham languished in the soccer shadows, you could argue they threw away a cool £347,000 — on just a couple of men who alternatively, had they been kept on instead, could have sparked them off towards better things.

But not even accident-prone Fulham miss-out every time.

On 16th March, 1966 — the very day they sold Marsh to Q.P.R. for a giveaway £15,000 — they paid out £35,000 for a lanky young Walsall striker named Allan Clarke.

Just over two years later, they made amends with a six-figure profit on that deal — by selling him to Leicester for a then record £150,000.

Of course, the classic example of losing-out, cash-wise, is that of Martin Dobson.

Burnley picked-up £300,000 when they transferred him to Everton last August.

Bolton picked-up precisely nothing when they let him go to Burnley on a "free" half a dozen years earlier.

Likewise Bob Latchford, Dobson's even more pricey Everton team-mate, was watched — and given the thumbs-down —

by several other clubs before Birmingham backed their own judgment by giving him his big break.

And, for their foresight, they got 160 League games out of him before receiving a record £350,000.

The shrewdest spotters of talent, though, do sometimes go astray.

Few did better, during his long stay at Tottenham, than Bill Nicholson. But he can claim both a first-prize, and a booby, in the case of Dave Mackay.

He bought him from Hearts for a modest £30,000 in 1959 — and then, assuming Mackay was "over the hill", let Derby have him for a token £5,000 fee nine years later.

But, far from finished, Mackay enjoyed three glorious Clough-style seasons with Derby — driving them back to the First Division within twelve months — while Spurs never adequately replaced his dynamic leadership.

It was a rather similar story with another "Footballer of the Year", Frank McLintock, whom Arsenal manager Bertie Mee sold to Q.P.R. for £25,000.

But, while the "veteran's" canny skill and know-how substantially helped Rangers consolidate their return to the First Division ... the absence at Highbury of the inspiring driving-force which had skippered the successful quest for the "Double" coincided with the rapid onset of one of Arsenal's worst slumps within living memory.

That may have been Mee's mistake — but he could well have been responsible for lumbering a similar one on Tommy Docherty when he signed goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer for a song at the end of last season.

Rimmer, kept in the Old Trafford shadows by the continued form of long-serving Alex Stepney, had sunk from the heights of England Under-23 squads, and a European Cup Semi-Final appearance, to the obscurity of a loan-period with Fourth Division Swansea when Mee stepped in.

True, Arsenal were still very keen on the idea of signing Leicester's then restless Peter Shilton, and Rimmer was seen primarily as a stop-gap to fill in the loss of the retired Bob Wilson.

But such were the early performances of Rimmer — then about the only man in form while Arsenal were floundering around the bottom of the table — that, even before Shilton signed for Stoke in November, the club officially announced they'd already lost interest.

Shilton cost Stoke — and *could* have cost Arsenal — a reputed £325,000. Rimmer *did* cost them a mere £35,000.

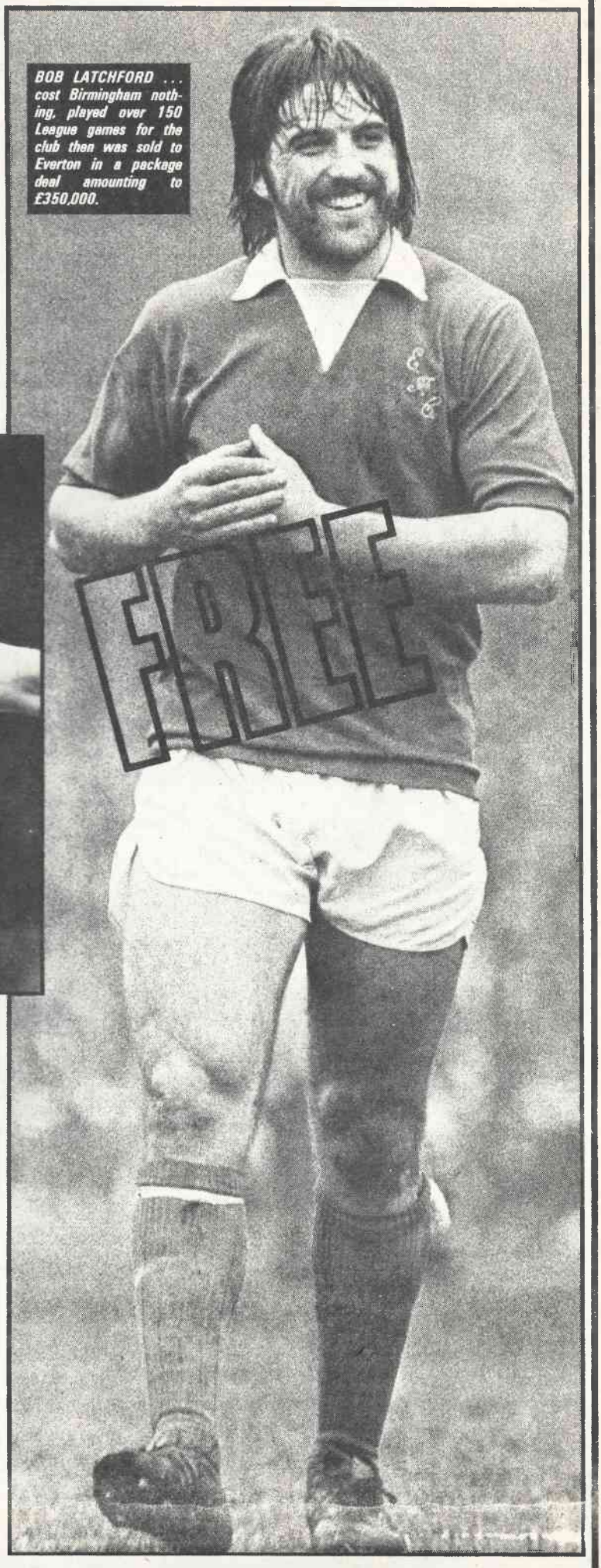
So the determined "reject", besides saving many goals, also saved Arsenal a pretty sizeable slice of their petty-cash.

It's making decisions like this — providing there are enough of the right ones to keep the bank-balance booming and the directors beaming — that sort out the top managers from the also-rans.

But the manager who's never, ever make a mistake?

Well, he just doesn't exist — except, perhaps, in his own vivid imagination!

RODNEY MARSH ... again it was Fulham who figured in a give-away fee selling Rodney to nearby Q.P.R. That was in 1966. Six years on Manchester City bought him for £200,000.



BOB LATCHFORD ... cost Birmingham nothing, played over 150 League games for the club then was sold to Everton in a package deal amounting to £350,000.

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Rangers more important than England to Stan Bowles

STAN Bowles was to be the new white hope of English soccer when his extravagant skills were finally recognised by Sir Alf Ramsey.

But Bowles blotted his international copybook by walking out of England's camp, and out of the summer tour of Eastern Europe after being substituted in the Home Championship game against Northern Ireland at Wembley last May.

Bowles appeared to have been forgiven by new manager Don Revie when he was included in the 80-plus squad who attended Revie's England talk-in in Manchester.

But he has not, as yet, made even a squad for England's build-up towards European Championship and World Cup success.

No one can say for certain if Bowles' escapades are now a thing of the past. But the player regarded by many as one of the most exciting forwards on his day, says simply: "Of course I'm interested in England. But I'm not worried.

"My main concern is winning something with Q.P.R. We're out of the F.A. Cup, but there's still a place in Europe to aim for."

Stan is so confident that Rangers are due to make a big impact that he signed a five-year contract before the first competitive ball was kicked in August.

Says Stan: "It was the first time I have signed this kind of contract for any club. You could call it a question of security and contentment. But it also helped to kill off all the rumours that were going round after what happened with England.

"I was supposed to be quitting soccer. I was transferred, and one suggestion was that I was going to Greece. By signing a long-term contract I put an end to all the stories, and I haven't regretted it.

"Right now Rangers are more important to me than England. Before I came here Gordon Jago and Bobby Campbell started to get things moving towards a type of football that combined the best of the Continental skills and our own powerful running and hard work. It's the kind of football I like.

"It's my way, and even though Gordon and Bobby have gone, I believe we are getting close to a style people will recognise as very similar to that of Ajax and the Dutch national team.

"You must agree Rangers are one of the most entertaining teams in the League. And it is enjoyable playing their way even though our results have been disappointing.

"I was grateful to Sir Alf for giving me an opportunity to play for England, but I found his style a bit restrictive. I mean, look at Rodney Marsh. He's a ball-player, like me, but he didn't last long, did he?

"I know people are saying defenders have got used to me now and they try to blot me out like Berti Vogts did to Johan Cruyff in the World Cup Final. But when they try it you just have to change your ways to fool them.

"Gordon Jago, when he was manager here, and the club, have helped me a lot. I don't mean other clubs haven't helped me, particularly when it comes to gambling, my one big weakness. But Rangers did it the right way.

"Other clubs gave me the money when I was in trouble. Rangers looked after me but made sure I didn't get my hands on the cash to gamble away."

Bowles has managed to survive all the rumours, the outbursts and the transfer stories. And as Q.P.R. continue to play their way to a position of respectability in the First Division, it seems that their gamble is the one that could eventually pay off with handsome dividends.

'We like life at the bottom-of the top Division'

says Carlisle captain Bill Green

WHATEVER the League tables show when the curtain finally comes down on the present campaign — whether or not we are relegated after only a season among soccer's upper crust — one thing is certain: IT WILL NOT BE CURTAINS FOR CARLISLE UNITED AS A FIRST DIVISION TEAM.

The lads have enjoyed life in the top Division, even if a lot of it was spent at the wrong end. The directors, management and supporters have enjoyed themselves.

Life at the top is great. It is good to hear your team talked about, to know you are meeting the Evertons, the Arsenals, the Leeds Uniteds and so on from week to week.

"In Dick Young, Carlisle have one of the best coaches in the business."

For once the team they dubbed the "country cousins" were, for want of a better word, "famous." Fame is a cruel spur. Maybe, but it is the spur which will drive us back to the First Division . . . and we are not out of it yet.

Make no mistake, we will fight on to the end. Even if the task becomes hopeless we will not ease up. For if we finish well, we have a better chance of starting where we left off next term.

Just under two years ago I was playing for Hartlepool in the Fourth Division. Always seemed destined to struggle, they are a better side than most people think and I am grateful to them for giving me my chance in League football.

Fourth Division to First in one season. It's a big jump, so it's natural the question I am forever being asked is: "What are the differences?"

Well — and this is not meant to sound Irish in any way — it's a lot harder . . . and a lot easier.

You play against better players, but there are also better players around you — on your side. You sharpen up because you are aware that your opponents can operate very quickly and they bring out the best in you.

I would say, without any hesitation, Carlisle are a much better side now than we were a year ago. Yet, we've hardly changed from the team that gained promotion. It is the regular competition against better-class opposition that has brought about our improvement.

In the Fourth Division there is a lot of the "big boot", clear at all costs approach. In the First, you learn to make space, to play the ball and try to find a colleague when you make a pass.

The atmosphere is electric. In the Fourth you have gates of not much more than 1,000. Even in the Second, they weren't much better. But in the First, you get crowds of 20,000 and upwards.

It makes you feel "somebody," and this gives your game an uplift. The coaching, too, is better.

And let me tell you I received tremendous help from Len Ashurst, who was my manager at Hartlepool and is now in charge at Gillingham.

Len doesn't know it, but the first result I look for every Saturday evening is Gillingham's.

The coaching at Carlisle is better simply because you are working with better players. And in Dick Young, we have one of the best coaches in the business.

Yes, the First Division is the sweet life. It is a taste of honey. Which is why we will stay in it — or come back quickly. We definitely like the taste!

IT'S A GOAL!

AT his own admission, Stoke City schemer Alan Hudson doesn't score enough goals. Manchester City might not believe this, though, because at the Victoria Ground the other week "The Hud" weighed-in with a corker . . . a well-placed shot from outside the penalty area. It was, in fact, Alan's fourth goal of the season. So who can blame him for being so delighted? Our photographer was on hand to see a happy Alan celebrate his goal against City. It's just as well Stoke skipper Jimmy Greenhoff has strong arms!

Focus on ALFIE CONN

Spurs

FULL NAME: Alfie Conn
BIRTHPLACE: Edinburgh
BIRTHDATE: April 5th, 1952
HEIGHT: 5ft 9½ins
WEIGHT: 10st 7lb
PREVIOUS CLUB: Glasgow Rangers
MARRIED: Yes, to Sue
CHILDREN: None
CAR: Cortina GT
FAVOURITE PLAYER: John Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Rangers
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Nobody in particular
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1973 Scottish Cup Final when Rangers beat Celtic
BIGGEST THRILL: Seeing the joy of the Rangers fans after this game
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not winning a League Championship medal with Rangers
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden
FAVOURITE FOOD: Mince & Tatties
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Going to the cinema, playing golf, lying in bed
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams, air travel
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Cannon, Sgt. Bilko, The Road Runner
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Gilbert O'Sullivan, The Carpenters
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Robert Redford, Jill St. John
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many good friends
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father, former Rangers star Willie Henderson and the coaching staff at Ibrox Park
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Youth caps, one substitute for the Under-23's
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy in life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To do well with Spurs
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Haven't a clue
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali

'Why Italy must attack'

by Giacinto Facchetti

INTERNATIONAL STAR SPOT

SHOOT/GOAL: Giacinto Facchetti, it must be a long time since Italy had such a terrible international record as they did in 1974 — just one win in eight matches. What has gone wrong with the team that finished runners-up in the World Cup five years ago?

FACCHETTI: I suppose it's partly a case of standing still and resting on our laurels while the rest of the world passes us by. In fact, our record was even worse than those figures suggest, because the only team we beat was Haiti in the World Cup — and only then after a struggle.

SHOOT/GOAL: So what are the Italian F.A. doing about it?

FACCHETTI: Frankly very little that can be called imaginative, in my opinion. We had Ferruccio Valcareggi as our coach, and he was fired at the ripe old age of 58, and the Italian F.A. brought in Fulvio Bernadini, who must be nearly 70. Bernadini can remember what football was like before the First World War!

SHOOT/GOAL: Aren't you being unfair, Giacinto? After all, Bernadini has been a respected journalist for some time, and had quite a long career as a manager before. He was also very much in favour of attacking football, which is surely something Italy needs . . .

FACCHETTI: I've never been convinced that journalists could ever pick a better team than the official coach. As for Bernadini's reputation for liking attacking football, well, you should have seen the national side's display against Bulgaria in Genoa recently. The game ended in a goalless draw, I reckon we had less than a dozen worthwhile attacks in the whole game and the crowd whistled the Italian team off the field at the end.

SHOOT/GOAL: So to get back to the troubles in the Italian camp, Giacinto, where did everything start to go wrong?

FACCHETTI: I think Italy, like England after their World Cup win in 1966, read more into their success than they should have done and stuck to the same method of playing for too long. What always happens when you do this is firstly the players who are most expert at playing your particular system lose their edge and so the system no longer works as well — because the players drafted in are being forced to mould their game to a particular style, rather than the other way around. Secondly, other teams get used to your methods and find ways to counter it.

This certainly happened to England over the question of playing with wingers, and it's happening to Italy, whose defensive strategy no longer catches anyone out. All that happens now is opponents expect us to try to score on the break, and they try to tempt us out, and then break themselves.

SHOOT/GOAL: But why were Italy so obsessed with defensive tactics at a time when teams like West Germany, Holland and Poland were doing so well by taking risks?

FACCHETTI: It's all very well to say that after the World Cup, but you've got to remember before the competition started, there were no real favourites and no evidence the World Cup would produce a definite re-thinking in tactics.

We had a long unbeaten record behind us, we'd beaten Brazil, the reigning Champions, and we'd been unlucky not to beat West Germany in Rome earlier in the year. We also had a fantastic goalkeeper in Dino Zoff, who had not let in a goal for many matches.

This was a great record, but in a way it was also our undoing. We went to great lengths not to prevent a goal, and you simply couldn't play that way and win the World Cup.

SHOOT/GOAL: Is there any chance that Italy will ever revert to attacking football?

FACCHETTI: That depends on who takes over as manager. Don't forget I've always been a believer in attacking football.

SHOOT/GOAL: Your record speaks for itself, as far as that's concerned — you've got more than 60 goals for Inter-Milan and Italy from full-back, and no one can come anywhere near that figure. Which brings us to Inter — are they on the way back to the top?

FACCHETTI: Like your own English Championship, the position at the top in Italy is very close, and any one of five or six teams could take the title. I like to think that Inter are among them, but frankly our younger players need a little more time to develop. I would settle for a high place in the table and another chance to play in Europe.

NO TIME OFF FOR 'EVIL SOCCER'

IN Holland, nearly all games are played on Sundays, but for religious reasons some amateur teams play on Saturdays.

One such side is IJsselmeervogels, from the very old and traditional town of Spakenburg, who reached the Quarter-Finals of the Dutch Cup.

Their tie against AZ '67 was due to be played this week on March 12th, a Wednesday, which should have suited both teams.

But . . . March 12th happens to be a special harvest day of prayer, so IJsselmeervogels requested a 24-hour postponement.

This was granted, but they had to face AZ without the encouragement of their manager.

You see, he is also a teacher and the governors of his school wouldn't give him time off "for something as evil as football".

LAJOS Baroti, who played for Hungary in the 1966 World Cup Finals, is now one of the leading officials in the Hungarian F.A.

He complained about "the terrible physical condition of our players", so before the season began again after the winter-break, Lajos organised a cross-country race for all 330 First Division players.

The winner was Honved striker Sandor Pinter, who covered the three miles in just over 13½ minutes . . . not bad for a beginner!

INTER and AC Milan, who share the San Siro stadium, are thinking about building a new ground.

The San Siro holds "only" 80,000; the new stadium will accommodate double this amount.

DESPITE speculation, Hans Kraay will remain as team-boss of Ajax for another season. After signing the contract, he said: "We shall produce our own youngsters rather than buy established players."

WORLD WIDE

Compiled by Chris Davies

SOUTH America's Footballer of the Year is Elias Figueroa (28, below) of Chile.

Second is Brazil's Francisco Marinho (23) with Carlos Babington (25) of Argentina third.

NO TAXES

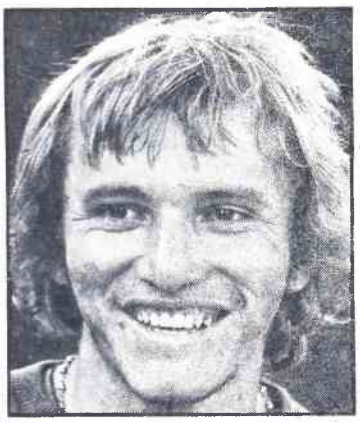
A BIG sigh of relief form 1.FC Cologne team-boss "Tschik" Cajkovski (above) . . . a West German court ruled that his former club, Hanover 96, would have to pay his taxes from July, 1968 to December, 1969.

This has saved the Yugoslav around £20,000.

Francisco Marinho for Europe?

FRANCISCO Marinho, the blond Brazil full-back who made such a big impact in the World Cup Finals last year, could soon be back in Europe.

I believe that Schalke 04 (West Germany) and Olympique Marseille (France) are interested in the 23 - year - old Botafogo star.



Footballers in Brazil are not highly paid, certainly not when compared to the top European stars.

Marseille already have two Brazil stars on their books . . . Jairzinho and Paulo Cesar.

However, neither has been a big success and Francisco may think twice before a transfer.

But money has a habit of making players change their mind . . .

PAY NOW...WATCH LATER

JOHAN Cruyff's Barcelona are toying with the idea of enlarging their stadium (present capacity just under 100,000) by another 30,000 . . . all seats, of course.

An estimate of £3.5 million made the club's directors think again — after all, they HAVE just bought Cruyff and Neeskens, total cost over £1 million.

The club still plan to go ahead with the expansion with the help of Barcelona fans.

They hope to find 30,000 who are willing to pay £125 in advance for their seat in the "new" stadium.

More fans- less money

SPANISH Second Division club Santander have been drawing big crowds this season as they press for promotion . . . yet amazingly gate receipts were down.

An investigation led to the arrest of two printing workers, who have been charged with forging tickets.

Club officials put the loss to Santander at £1,000 per game — but they're not sure how long the fraud has been going on.

ITALIAN clubs Bologna and Fiorentina are currently rebuilding their teams. When the two sides met recently, there were eight players on the field aged under 20.

UDO Lattek, forced to leave Bayern Munich a few months ago, looks like starting next season as team-boss of Rot-Weiss Essen, currently 12th in the West German Bundesliga.

Not wanted at home

LASZLO Gherghely, one-time Rumanian international, was one of the players suspended in the West Germany bribery scandal a couple of years ago.

His club, Hertha Berlin, were involved and Laszlo received a two-year suspension.

Recently, he was given permission to play again, so he signed for a Second Division club . . . but had the misfortune to break a leg so badly he had to quit soccer.

Laszlo returned to his native Rumania, only to find he was no longer welcome.

Now, Laszlo is back in Germany where he is a youth club leader in West Berlin.

IT seems there is little or no chance of Paul Breitner and Gunter Netzer playing for West Germany again . . . certainly not while they're with Real Madrid.

The Spanish club simply won't release the players, even though they're running away with the Championship.

Germany's next game is a European Championship tie against Bulgaria in April and already Real have told manager Helmut Schoen they are not prepared to release Paul and Gunter.

NO GOALS, ONLY GHOULS

A PRIEST has exorcised a local side in Borgosesia, who claim "only ghosts could have caused us to lose five home games in a row."

EUROPEAN LEAGUE SCENE

WEST GERMANY

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Hertha Berkub	12	6	4	41	25	30
K. Offenbach	13	2	7	51	41	28
HOLLAND						
P.S.V.	15	7	1	57	19	37
Feyenoord	16	4	3	70	20	36
Ajax	16	3	4	55	24	35

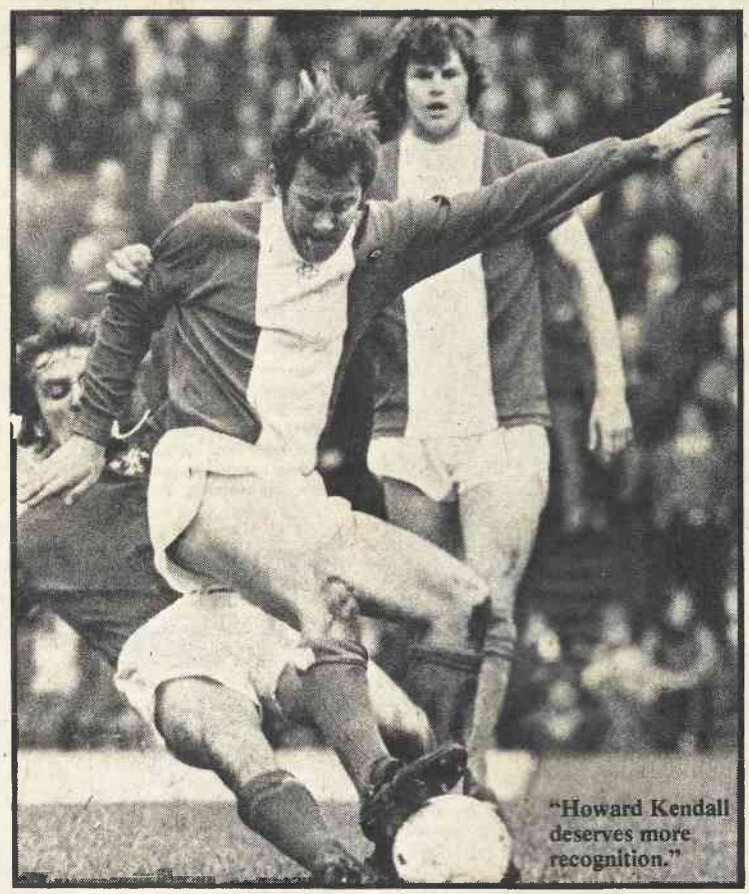
ITALY

Juventus now have a four-point lead over Lazio and Naples and it is difficult to see them losing the Championship race now.

PORTUGAL

Benefica lead by three points from Sporting Lisbon, with FC Porto four points adrift.

In next week's issue, there will be a comprehensive two-page look at the top European Leagues.



"Howard Kendall deserves more recognition."

soccer as I see it

ALAN BALL

'RUGBY ARE OKAY

A FEW weeks ago on London Weekend Television's *The Big Match* programme, Emlyn Hughes and I spoke about the rugby tackle in soccer . . . you know, when a defender desperately pulls down a forward who is racing for goal.

Roy McFarland did it to Lato against Poland at Wembley; Tommy Taylor of West Ham did it to Swindon's Trevor Anderson in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round.

I've had a stack of mail on this subject so I'm going to kick-off this week's look at your letters with this touchy subject.

It appears a player *can* be sent-off for this offence, but in my opinion this would be a harsh decision. A booking should suffice.

As a professional, I must condone rugby tackles, and even though they might not all admit it in public, other players will agree with me.

It's dog-eat-dog and I would expect a team-mate to bring down an opponent if he was in a goal-scoring position.

Similarly, I'd expect to be pulled down myself, as has happened at times. My first reaction is one of anger, but on reflection I can't blame the defender for his desperate action.

Tommy Taylor *had* to rugby tackle Trevor Anderson . . . Tommy's team-mates, manager and Hammers fans expected him to.

If he hadn't, chances are West Ham would not have advanced in the Cup.

I don't think such an action is against the spirit of the game . . . as I've said before, the name of the game now is winning-ball, not football.

Sending-off would not deter defenders from rugby tackles. They're often done instinctively. Players still jump up and handle the ball occasionally in the penalty-area . . . and afterwards wonder why the heck they've done it.

Ask yourself: if an opponent is heading for your team's goal with a defender in pursuit, wouldn't you expect him to stop the attacker, even by foul means? If you're honest, I think you would.

On to a less controversial issue and a letter from Graeme Castle of Hemel Hempstead. Graeme asks: who did you vote for in the Professional Footballers' Association's awards?

My Player of the Year, Graeme, was Birmingham's Howard Kendall and my Young Player of the Year was Gerry Francis of Q.P.R.

I played alongside Howard for some time at Everton and I know just what a fine player he is.

Unfortunately, he has never really had the recognition he deserves, which is why I gave him my vote.

As a person, player and professional, Howard is first-class.

Apart from Chippy Brady, Gerry Francis is the best young player around at the moment.

We're not allowed to vote for club-mates, though, so Gerry got my vote.

He is living up to the promise he's shown over the past two or three years and looks better each time I see him.

Apparently, I received a bit of stick (that's unusual!) for my celebrations at Coventry in the F.A. Cup Fourth Round.

After I'd equalised, I ran to the Arsenal fans behind the Coventry goal and shared my moment of triumph with them.

Scottish reader James Fraser has sent down some newspaper cuttings which criticised me.

I think the whole issue has been blown up out of all proportion and whoever wrote such criticism is stupid.

I simply ran arms raised towards our fans and stood for a few seconds celebrating our equal-

"A Belgium player acknowledges that he was in the wrong . . . but I can understand that he was probably forced to commit a foul."

TACKLES BY ME'

ising goal.

It's important for players to identify themselves with their supporters. This was exactly what I was doing.

I don't know who wrote that rubbish, but he obviously doesn't know how it feels to score in a Cup-tie away from home.

Why did I take the penalty against Liverpool at Highbury when I was injured? That's the question sent in by Grimsby reader David Robertson.

True, I'd just been hurt in a tackle, but I was so confident of scoring from the spot, I saw no reason not to take it.

I told Brian Kidd to leave the penalty to me — "no danger" — and I slotted it home.

I'm having a good run of penalties. The last one I missed was about three years ago . . . which is why I took the one against Liverpool, despite my injured ribs.

A topical question from Wimbledon fan Michael Duffy, who wants to know if I'd like to see one or two new clubs elected to the Football League each season?

No doubt you have one club in mind, Michael! Yes, I think teams like Wimbledon should be given a chance, remembering that clubs elected to the League lately have done well. I refer to the likes of Oxford, Peterborough, Cambridge and Hereford.

One condition: they come in as full-time professionals, not part-timers, as has been suggested.

I wouldn't like to see new faces set the pattern for established Fourth Division clubs.

If clubs in the lower Divisions are to go part-time, it should be the League clubs who make the break, not newcomers.

What do I think of Duncan McKenzie, asks Leeds follower Paul Ripley?

I haven't seen a great deal of Duncan, Paul, but he looks an extremely talented player with a wide range of skills.

He may just be a little difficult to play with. Some individualists are.

Duncan is still young, though, and hasn't had a full season in Division One yet. A fine prospect, though.

An unusual question from Ann Heath, who lives in Barnet. Ann asks if I've ever played in goal.

Yes, regularly. Only last Friday I displayed my skills between the sticks in a five-a-side game.

I'm pretty hopeless, Ann. I keep getting lobbed — even in the small goals!

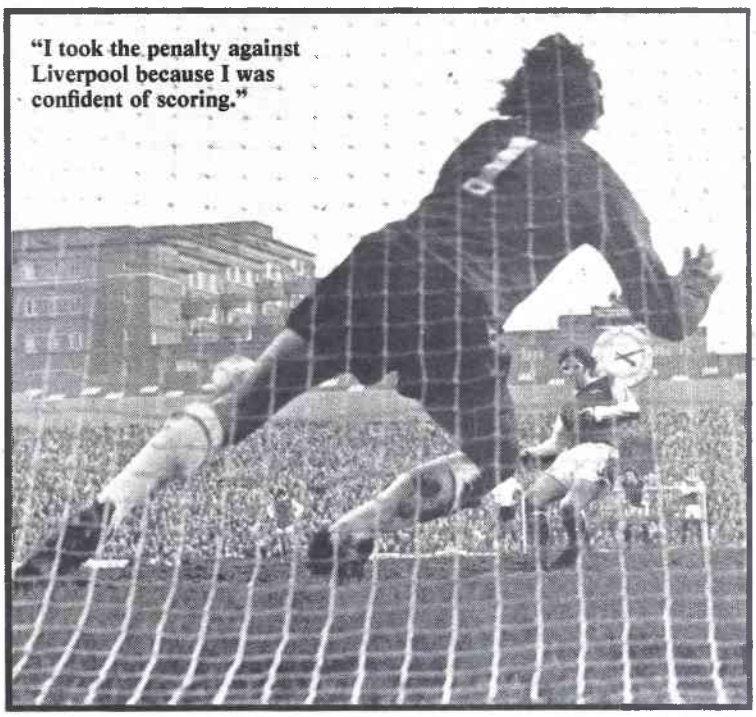
This Saturday (March 15th) sees Howard Kendall's Birmingham come to Highbury.

It was against Blues I made my comeback following my ankle troubles in September.

I didn't play very well at St. Andrews, understandably I felt.

Birmingham are a big club and will as usual bring quite a few fans down with them.

That's just about it for this week. See you in seven days . . .



"I took the penalty against Liverpool because I was confident of scoring."

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LEEDS (0) 1 (Bassett o.g.) at Selhurst Park

Wimbledon: Guy; Stockley, Bryant, Donaldson, Edwards, Bassett, Rice, Cooke, Connell, Somers, Mahon.

Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Gray (F), Bremner, Yorath, Madeley, McKenzie, Clarke, Jordan, Giles, Gray (E).

(Third Replay)

NOTTM F (0) 1 (Chapman)
FULHAM (1) 2 (Busby 2) 23,240

Nottm F: Middleton; O'Kane, Richardson, Chapman, Jones, Robertson, Lyall, Dennehy, Martin, Bowyer, O'Neill.

Fulham: Mellor; Cutbush, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Moore, Dowie, Jim Conway, Busby, Slough, Barrett.

SCOTTISH CUP
(Third Round Replay)

RANGERS (1) 1 (McKean) 50,000
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Graham, Davidson) a.e.t.

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Johnstone (O'Hara), Jackson, Forsyth, KcKean, McLean, Parlane, MacDonald, Scott (Fyfe).

Aberdeen: Clark; Hair, McLelland, Thomson, Young, Miller, Purdie, Henry (Smith), Jarvie, Williamson (Davidson), Graham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Whiteford)
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Muir)

Airdrie: McWilliams; Jonquin; Lapsley, Menzies, Black, Whiteford, Reynolds, Cowan, McCulloch, Wilson, McCann.

St Johnstone: Robertson; Smith, Argue, Rennie, Macdonald, Kinnell, Muir, O'Rourke, Thomson, Cramond, Lambie.

DUNDEE (3) 4 (Scott I. 2, Scott J., Wallace)
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Graham) 5,347

Dundee: Allan; Wilson (R), Gemmell, Anderson, Stewart, Ford, Hoggan, Robinson, Wallace, Scott (J), Scott (I).

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (W), Wark, Watson (R), McLaren, Goodwin (Dickson), Millar, Pettigrew, Graham, Gardner, McIlwraith (Goldthorp).

TUESDAY, FEB 11

DIVISION III

BURY (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Galvin) 4,473

Bury: Darcy; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Rowland, Hulme, Bailey, Buchan, Riley, Spence, Williams (Duffey), Rudd.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Wiltshire, Ley, Galvin, Shipperley, Tydeman, Jacks, Gauden, Richardson, Chadwick, Feely.

DIVISION IV

NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Robertson, Hall 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 3,079

Northampton: Starling; Tucker, Oman, Gregory, Robertson, John, Farrington (Wainwright), Best, Hall, Carlton, Stratford.

Scunthorpe: Barnard; Markham, Lynch, Money, Welbourne, Sproates, Collier, Pilling, Warnock, Roberts, Davidson.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

CELTIC (2) 2 (Hood, Wilson) 15,000
DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Bourke, McAdam T.)

Celtic: Hunter; McGrain, Brogan, Murray, McNeill, Connelly, Hood, Glavin, Dalglish, Callaghan, Wilson (Johnstone).

Dumbarton: McGregor; McAdam (C), Watt, Ruddy, Muir (Cushley), Graham, Coleman, Menmuir, McAdam (T), Bourke, Wallace.

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Kinninmonth)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 (Gray, McDonald) 4,000

Dunfermline: Karlsen; Scott, Wallace, Thomson, Campbell (R), Kinninmonth, Watson, Reid (Campbell I.), Shaw, Cameron, Sinclair (Davidson).

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Copland, Smith (W), Houston, McLeod, Narey, Gray, Payne, McDonald.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

DIVISION I

NEWCASTLE (3) 4 (Tudor, Macdonald 2, Barrowclough)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Hall) 38,115

Newcastle: McFaul; Nattrass, Kennedy, Smith, Keeley, Howard, Barrowclough, Nulty, Macdonald, Tudor, Craig (T).

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Lindsay, Thompson, Cormack, Hughes, Keegan, Hall, Heighway, Toshack, Callaghan.

DIVISION III

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
SWINDON (1) 1 (Eastoe) 4,538

Aldershot: Johnson; Walden, Walker, Crosby (Brown), Dean, Richardson, Walton, Howarth, Morrissey, Sainty, Brodie.

Swindon: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows, Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson.

DIVISION IV

HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Moore 2)
LINCOLN (0) 0 2,627

Hartlepool: Watling; Smith, Embleton, Dawes, Goad, Potter, Ward, Honour, Moore, McMahon, Park.

Lincoln: Grotier; Granfoot, Leigh, Booth, Ellis, Cooper, O'Connor, Ward, Freeman (Neale), Smith, Harding.

FRIDAY, FEB 14

DIVISION II

CARDIFF (0) 0
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Saul) 6,598

Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Buchanan, Morgan, Larmour, Villars, Smith (Sayer), Whitham, Vincent, Anderson.

Millwall: King; Smith, Moore, Evans, Kitchener, Saul, Dorney, Hazell, Kelly, Summerill (Clark), Hill.

YORK (1) 1 (Seal)
NOTTM F (0) 1 (Lyall) 7,029

York: Crawford; Calvert, Oliver, Holmes, Robb, Topping, Lyons, Cave, Seal, Jones, Butler.

Nottm F: Middleton; O'Kane, Richardson, Chapman, Jones, Robertson, Lyall, Anderson, Martin, Bowyer, O'Neill.

DIVISION III

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Crossley)
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Richardson) 2,914

Tranmere: Johnson; Webb, Flood, Moore, Philpotts, Palios, Coppell, Mathias, Allen, Crossley, Woodin.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Wiltshire, Ley, Galvin, Shipperley, Tydeman, Jacks, Gauden, Richardson, Chadwick, Feely.

DIVISION IV

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Gough)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 1,569

Southport: Thomas; O'Neil, Sibbald, Hughes, Jones, Russell, Johnston, Gough, Taylor, Welbourne, Martin.

Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Townsend, Fielding, Martin, Harvey, Ferguson, Mountford, Whelan, Tobin (Murty).

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

F.A. CUP
(Fifth Round)

ARSENAL 0
LEICESTER 0 43,841

Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, McNab, Storey, Mancini, Simpson, Armstrong, Ball, Radford, Kidd, Brady.

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Earle, Blockley, Cross, Weller, Sammels, Worthington, Birchenall, Glover.

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Hatton, Burns)
WALSALL (0) 1 (Taylor) 45,881

Birmingham: Latchford; Clark, Bryant, Kendall, Gallagher, Pendrey, Page, Taylor, Burns, Hatton, Emmanuel.

Walsall: Kearns; Saunders, Harrison, Robinson, Bennett, Atthey, Taylor, Andrews, Wright, Buckley, Birch.

EVERTON (0) 1 (Kenyon)
FULHAM (1) 2 (Busby 2) 45,223

Everton: Davies; Bernard, Seargeant, Clements, Kenyon, Hurst, Jones, Dobson, Lyons, Latchford (Telfer), Pearson.

Fulham: Mellor; Cutbush, Strong, Mullery, Lacy, Moore, Dowie (Lloyd), Jim Conway, Busby, Slough, Barrett.

IPSWICH (0) 3 (Johnson, Hamilton 2) 31,297
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (McDonald, Evans)

Ipswich: Sivell; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Woods (Hamilton), Viljoen, Johnson, Whymark, Lambert.

Villa: Cumbes; Robson, Aitken, Ross, Rioch, McDonald, Graydon, Evans, Leonard, Hamilton, Carrodus.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Owen) 18,293

Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews, Foster (C), Bird, Lathan, Eccles, Clarke, Hodgson, McCaffrey.

Carlisle: Ross; Carr, Spearritt, O'Neill, Green, Parker, Martin, Train, Owen, Laidlaw, Clarke (F).

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Nixon)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Mills) 28,000

Peterborough: Steele; Bradley, Lee, Hill, Turner, Carmichael, Murray, Gregory, Nixon, Price, Robson.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Spraggon, Hickton, Boam, Maddren, Murdoch, Willey (Brine), Mills, Foggon, Armstrong.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Holland, Robson)
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Clement) 39,193

West Ham: Day; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor, Lock, Jennings, Paddon, Robson, Brooking, Holland.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Masson, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Leach, Beck, Bowles (Rogers), Givens.

Derby v Leeds postponed.

DIVISION I

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Alderson)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Duncan) 14,891

Coventry: Ramsbotton; Oakey, Holmes, Craven, Hindley, Dugdale, Carr, Alderson, Ferguson, Green (Cartwright), Hutchison.

Tottenham: Jennings; Kinnear, Knowles, McAllister, England, Naylor, Conn, Perryman, Chivers, Peters, Duncan.

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Macdonald 2, Barrowclough)
BURNLEY (0) 0 40,599

Newcastle: McFaul; Nattrass, Kennedy, Smith, Keeley, Howard, Barrowclough, Nulty, Macdonald, Tudor, Craig (T).

Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Ingham, Waldron, Thomson, Noble, Hankin, Fletcher, Collins, James.

SHEFF. UTD (2) 2 (Woodward, Badger)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Garner) 20,542

Sheff. Utd: Brown; Badger, Hemsley, Eddy, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Speight, Jones, Currie (Dearden), Field.

Chelsea: Phillips; Locke, Sparrow, Hollins, Droy (Garland), Harris, Hay, Wilkins (R), Finnieston, Garner, Cooke.

STOKE (0) 2 (Conroy, Skeels)
WOLVES (1) 2 (Hibbitt pen., Farley) 30,611

Stoke: Shilton; Marsh, Pejic, Mahoney, Dodd, Skeels, Moores, Greenhoff, Hurst (Conroy), Hudson, Salmons.

Wolves: Pierce; Williams, Parkin, Bailey, Munro, Jefferson, Hibbitt, Daley, Richards, Kindon, Farley.

DIVISION II

BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Ainscow, Bentley)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 8,687

Blackpool: Burridge; Curtis, Harrison, Hart, Hatton, Alcock, Ainscow, Davies, Walsh, Bentley, Evanson.

Bristol C: Cashley; Sweeney, Drysdale, Emanuel, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Mann, Gillies, Cheesley, Brolly.

BOLTON 0
NORWICH 0 15,506

Bolton: Siddall; Ritson, Dunne, Reid, Jones (P), Allardyce, Byrom, Greaves, Curran, Lee, Thompson.

Norwich: Keelan; Morris, Sullivan, McGuire, Forbes, Stringer, Steele, MacDougall, Boyer, Suggett, Powell.

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Taylor)
OXFORD (0) 0 9,667

Bristol R: Eadie; Jacobs, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Stephens, Stanton, Warboys,

Action from the Arsenal v Leicester F.A. Cup Fifth Round tie at Highbury. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.

. . . TEAM LINE-UPS

A narrow escape for Leeds in their replay v Wimbledon at Selhurst Park.

Bannister, Fearnley.
Oxford: Burton; Lucas, Shuker, Lowe, Clarke (C), Jeffrey, Aylott, Duncan, Clarke (D), McCulloch, McGrogan.

MAN. UTD (2) 2 (Houston, Pearson)
HULL (0) 0 44,712
Man. U: Roche; Forsyth, Houston, Greenhoff, James (Davies), Buchan, Young, McIlroy, Pearson, Macari, Martin.
Hull: Wealands; Banks, Daniel, Galvin, Deere, Roberts, Lord, McGill, Wood, Blampey, Greenwood.

NOTTS CO 0
SUNDERLAND 0 15,855
Notts Co: McManus; Brindley, O'Brien, Bolton, Needham, Stubbs, Vinter, Probert, Randall, McVay, Scanlon.
Sunderland: Montgomery; Malone, Guthrie, Moncur, Watson, Bolton, Kerr, Hughes, Halom, Robson, Towers.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Robins)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Gilchrist) 12,397
Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Whittle, Bell, Hicks, Holt, McVitie, Robins, Young, Chapman, Groves.
Southampton: Martin; Mills, Holmes, Fisher, Andruszewski, Blyth, Stokes, Channon, Gilchrist, O'Brien, McCalliog.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Johnston)
ORIENT (0) 0 9,364
W.B.A.: Osborne; Nisbet, Thompson, Cantello, Wile, Rushbury, Glover (Shaw), Brown (T), Mayo, Hughes, Johnston.
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Downing, Allen, Hoadley, Walley, Fairbrother, Grealish, Queen, Heppolette, Possee (Payne).

DIVISION III

BLACKBURN (1) 5 (Beamish, Martin 2, Hickman 2) 17,734
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (McAuley, Jones o.g.)
Blackburn: Jones; Heaton, Burgin, Metcalfe, Hawkins, Fazackerley, Beamish, Oates, Martin, Parkes, Hickman.
Plymouth: Furnell; Hore, Burrows, Saxton, Green, Delve, Randell, Johnson, Mariner, Rafferty, McAuley.

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Horsfield, Kelly)
PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chadwick 2) 9,430
Charlton: Tutt; Curtis, Warman, Bowman, Goldthorpe, Young, Powell, Hales, Horsfield, Kelly, Peacock.
Port Vale: Connaughton; Brodie, Dulson, Tartt, Summerscales, Horton, Lacey, Bailey, Woodward, Chadwick, Ridley.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Moss, Winstanley)
BURY (0) 0 4,085
Chesterfield: Tingay; Holmes, O'Neill, McEwan, Winstanley, Barlow, Darling, Moss, Kowalski, Bellamy, Phillips.
Bury: Darcy; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Rowland, Hulme, Bailey, Rudd (Thomson), Riley, Spence, Duffey, Hamstead.

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Svarc, Macdonald)
BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Binney, Towner) 4,161
Colchester: Walker; Cameron, Smith (L), Bunkell, Harford, Dominey, Macdonald, Svarc, Frogatt, Lindsay (Foley), Cook.
Brighton: Grummitt; Tiler, Wilson, Machin, Piper, Winstanley, Towner, O'Sullivan, Binney, Fell, Walker.

C. PALACE (0) 3 (Swindlehurst, Taylor, Whittle)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0 15,394
C. Palace: Burns; Mulligan, Wall, Johnson (J), Jeffries, Evans, Whittle, Holder, Hill, Swindlehurst, Taylor.
Aldershot: Johnson; Walden, Walker, Jopling, Dean, Richardson, Walton (Brown), Howarth, Morrissey, Sainty, Brodie.

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Gwyther)
WREXHAM (0) 0 2,039
Halifax: Smith (A); Smith (J), Luckett, McHale, Rhodes, Phelan, Jones, Scaife, Campbell, Gwyther (Downes), Ford.
Wrexham: Lloyd; Hill, Jones, Evans, Davis, Whittle, Tinnion, Sutton, Ashcroft, Smallman, Griffiths.

HEREFORD (1) 3 (McNeil 2, 1 pen, Deacy)
GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Lewis 2) 5,445
Hereford: Hughes; Gregory, Byrne, Morgan (Silkman), Tucker, Roberts, Tyler, Paine, Deacy, McNeil, Emery.
Grimsby: Wainman; Czuczman, Booth, Cumming, Wigginton, Govier, Barton, Hubbard, Wigg, Boylen, Lewis.

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Brace)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 4,316
Southend: Webster; Worthington (D), Taylor, Elliott, Townsend, Moody, Little, Brace, Guthrie, Silvester, Keefe.
Huddersfield: Taylor; McGifford, Hart, O'Neil, Saunders, Dolan, Fowler, Garwood (Lawson), Gowling, Smith, Maitland.

SWINDON (1) 1 (Eastoe)
PRESTON (0) 0 11,892
Swindon: Barron; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Burrows (Jenkins), Prophett, Moss, McLaughlin, Eastoe, Butler, Anderson.
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Burns, Spark, Bird, Sadler (Coleman), Stiles, Morley, Elwiss, Holden, Charlton.

DIVISION IV

BARNSLEY (0) 0
DONCASTER (0) 1 (O'Callaghan) 6,276
Barnsley: Stewart; Yates, Chambers, Doyle, Pickering (J), Murphy, Brown, Price, Peachey, Lea, Butler.
Doncaster: Brown; Reed, Ternent, Irvine, Uzelac, Brookes, Murray, Chappell, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Curran (Wignall).

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Tully pen, Watson)
SWANSEA (0) 0 3,004
Cambridge: Smith; Howell, Seary, Lyon, Eades, Cassidy, Watson, Shinton, Horsfall, O'Donnell, Tully (Lill).
Swansea: Potter; Davies (G), Evans (M), Bruton, Davies (D), Thomas, Bevan, Curtis, James, Screen, Rees.

CHESTER (4) 4 (Owen 3, James)
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Jones) 5,427
Chester: Millington; Edwards, Loska, Storton, Matthewson, Mason, Pugh, Redfern, Owen, James, Lennard.
Newport: Payne; Screen, Bell, Godfrey, Jones, Coldrick (Hancock), Hooper, Relish, Woodruff, Woods, White.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Moore)
BRADFORD C (2) 2 (Ingram 2) 3,273
Hartlepool: Watling; Dawes, Embleton, Park (Johnson), Goad, Potter, Honour, Smith, Moore, McMahon, Ward.
Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Cooper, Hockey, Napier, Middleton, Fretwell, Ham, Ingram (Cooke), Johnson, Hutchins.

READING (1) 1 (Murray)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 5,804
Reading: Death, Henderson, Moreline, Cumming, McHale, Lenarduzzi, Murray, Teearse, Friday, Carnaby, Cooper.
Brentford: Sherwood; Bence, Allen, Johnson, Lawrence, Riddick, Graham, French, Brown (Poole), Scales, Salvage.

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney)
CREWE (0) 1 (Reed) 4,364
Rotherham: McDonagh; Derrett, Leng, Womble, Delgado, Spencer, Finney, Habbin, Phillips, Goodfellow, Crawford.
Crewe: Crudgington; Lowry, Kelley, Lugg, Nicholls, Carter, Macguire, Melledew, Reed, Humphreys, Nelson.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Roberts, Pilling)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Best) 1,833
Scunthorpe: Barnard; Markham, Lynch, Sproates, Welbourne, Money, Collier, Pilling, Keeley, Roberts, Davidson.
Northampton: Starling; Tucker, Oman, Gregory, Robertson, Carlton, Farrington, Best, Hall, John, Stratford.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Bates, Tarbuck)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 3,207
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Gregory, Durban, Turner, Kearney, Irvine, Tarbuck, Haywood, Bates, McGregor.
Darlington: Burleigh; Lees, Cochrane, Smith, Barker, Blant, Holbrook, Bromley, Sinclair, Atkins, Nattress.

STOCKPORT (1) 3 (Lloyd, Kirk, Hollis)
EXETER (0) 2 (Morrin 2) 1,551
Stockport: Clarke; Smith, Crowther, Coleman, Albeson, Fogarty, Price (Griffiths), Lloyd, Lawther, Hollis, Kirk.
Exeter: Bond; Rutter (Hooker), Joy, Morrin, Giles, Hatch, Neale, Templeman, Robertson, Beer, Hodge.

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Sandercock pen., Boulton)
WORKINGTON (0) 1 (Sandercock o.g.) 2,262
Torquay: Mahoney; Parker, Sandercock, Chatterley, Harrison, Stocks, Morrall, Boulton, Kennedy, Myers, Stuckey.
Workington: Rogan; Kisby, Ogilvie, Kavanagh, Walker, Howitt, Harris (Skillen), Geidmintis, Murray, Heslop, Helliwell.

SCOTTISH CUP

(Fourth Round)

AIRDRIE (1) 2 (McCulloch, Wilson)
FALKIRK (0) 0 5,061
Airdrie: Williams; Jonquin, Lapsley (McRoberts), Menzies, Black, Whiteford, Wilson, Walker, McCulloch, Cowan, McCann (Reynolds).
Falkirk: Donaldson; Kennedy, McLeod (Thomas), Markie, Gibson, Fowler, Smith, Whiteford (J), Lawson (Whiteford (D), Shirra, Wheatley.

ARBROATH (1) 2 (Bone 2)
ALBION (0) 0 2,534
Arbroath: Campbell; Murray, Milne, Cargill, Carson, Smith, Sellars (Reid), Rylance, Bone, Penman, Fletcher.
Albion: Gryzka; McConville, Main (Gillespie), Brogan, Shields, Docherty, Sermani, O'Connor, Anderson, Dickson, Coughlin.

CELTIC (3) 4 (McNamara, McDonald, Dalglish 2)
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (McCallan) 21,000
Celtic: Barclay; McGrain, McCluskey, Murray, McDonald, Connelly, Hood, McNamara, Deans, Dalglish, Wilson.
Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, Fanning, Henderson, Cooper, Hay, Lanning, McCallan, Kane (Caskie).

HAMILTON (0) 0
DUMBARTON (1) 1 (McAdam T.) 8,500
Hamilton: Ferguson; Frew, Grant, McMillan, Bonnyman, Campbell, Young, McInally, Hood, Lynch, Rankin (Hall).
Dumbarton: McGregor; McAdam (C), Watt, Ruddy, Cushley, Graham, Coleman, Menmuir, McAdam (T), Bourke, Wallace.

MOTHERWELL (2) 4 (Pettigrew, Goldthorp, McIlwraith, Graham)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 6,662
Motherwell: Rennie; Dickson, Wark, Watson (R), McLaren, Gardner (Joyce), McIlwraith, Pettigrew, Graham, Taylor (Goodwin), Goldthorp.
Queen's Park: Cameron; McGowan, Colgan, Campbell, Currie, Bowie, Paton (Rooney), McGill, McWilliams, Thomson, Mackay (Dickson).

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0
HEARTS (1) 2 (Callachan, Gibson) 14,000
Q. of S.: Ball; Miller, Thorburn, McLaren, Boyd, O'Hara, Dempster, Renton, Reid, Dickson, Bryce.
Hearts: Cruickshank; Kay, Clunie, Jeffries, Anderson, Murray (D), Stevenson (Brown), Busby, Gibson, Murray (T), Callachan.

ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Anderson) 11,840
St. Johnstone: Robertson; Smith, Argue, Rennie (Thomas), MacDonald, Kinnell, Hall (Ritchie), O'Rourke, Muir, Cramond, Lambie.
Dundee: Allan; Wilson (R), Gemmell, Anderson, Stewart (Laing), Ford, Hoggan (Hutchinson), Robinson, Wallace, Scott (J), Scott (I).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

RANGERS (1) 3 (Parlane 3)
KILMARNOCK (2) 3 (Provan, McDicken, Fallis) 20,000
Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, McDougall, Jackson, Forsyth, McLean (Scott), Johnstone, Parlane, Hamilton, McKean.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch (A); McLean, Robertson, McCulloch (I) (Maxwell), Rodman, McDicken, Provan, Fleming, Morrison (Fallis), Sheed, Smith.

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matches to watch

SHOOT/GOAL previews a selection of top games in England and Scotland, to be played on Saturday, March 15th.

THRILLS at the top — and bottom

IN the race to finish top in Division One, not an inch will be given by the title chasers.

Favourites EVERTON travel to tackle last term's toppers LEEDS UNITED. Columnist Billy Bremner gives wide coverage to what should be a white hot encounter.

Elland Road will be packed with fans who know they'll be watching a "four pointer", where Jimmy Armfield's army are concerned.

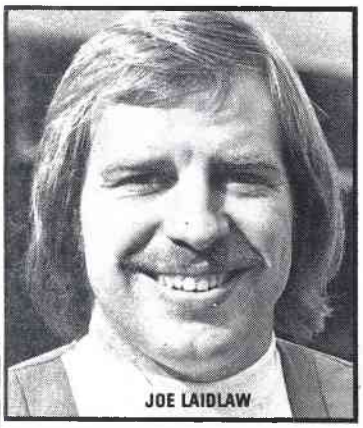
If Leeds lose they could be kissing the Championship goodbye.

A defeat for Everton would only be a minor setback.

A forecast? Tension may take over and dictate a draw.

While Leeds and Everton battle for the title, at the other end of the table there's an equally important two points at stake.

Relegation-threatened CARLISLE



JOE LAIDLAW

UNITED and LUTON TOWN clash at Brunton Park. Both clubs are fresh up from "downstairs" and are fighting against having to make the return journey.

This is a dog - eat - dog situation, with one club knowing they stand to push the other deeper into trouble.

It's a pity this fixture has so much at stake. Both sides play soccer that belies their current placings ... attractive, heart-warming stuff, no resorting to strong-arm tactics because of their perilous positions.

Cumbrians to watch are skipper and centre-half Bill Green, midfielder Ray Train, and fleet-footed forward Joe Laidlaw.

Harry Haslam's Hatters aren't short of eye-catching talent, either. Alan West, the Futcher twins, Paul and Ron, and Peter Anderson will help to add flair to the proceedings.

Fans of either of the two clubs will want a happy ending — and that doesn't mean a draw.

Without wishing to stick our necks out, we give Carlisle the edge.

We feel the most attractive fixture will be WEST HAM UNITED against BURNLEY at Upton Park.

Even many non-Hammers' fans would like to see the East Londoners clinch the title. Their combination of bright, flowing football and a steely approach is a joy to watch.

Burnley, too, are a marvellous combination on their day. They spray the play about in expert fashion and have hit their true form at the right time.

Perhaps it was that shock F.A. Cup home defeat by Wimbledon which triggered off the Turf Moor outfit.

Both clubs are packed with star names, too numerous to mention. Even off-form they look good and they won't all be out of touch, so stand by for entertainment, goals, and a win for West Ham.

In Division Two, most eyes will be on the MANCHESTER UNITED / NORWICH CITY confrontation at Old Trafford. The Reds have a score to settle with John Bond's boys ... two, in fact.

Doc's Devils

They suffered their first League defeat of the season away to The Canaries and the East Anglian club also put Doc's devils out of the League Cup, when just one step away from Wembley.

If ever a match was tailor-made for revenge this is it. United to win by a 2-0 scoreline?

Down in Division Three, CRYSTAL PALACE must be certs for a home win against lowly HUDDERSFIELD TOWN. Anything other than two points could make Malcolm Allison choke on his after-match cigar and champers!

Fourth Division match of the day should be the meeting of CHESTER and MANSFIELD TOWN at Sealand Road. Town are this season's outstanding table-toppers but we look to The Seals to seal the Field Mill club's fate on Saturday.

In Scotland, RANGERS are roaring towards their first title success for 11 years. DUNDEE at Dens Park is a stiff obstacle to overcome, though. Put 'Gers down for one point only.

CELTIC are at home to the other Tayside club, DUNDEE UNITED. If they're really determined to make it ten titles on the trot they've got to beat the men from Tannadice.

'Beware of 007 Bond'

TARTAN TALK JOHN GREIG

SEAN CONNERY — the first film James Bond 007 — is one of my favourites, but if he appears on any more late night television films you can bet your last penny *I won't* be watching.

I'll explain. Sean is Edinburgh-born, just like myself, and has made a great name for himself as an actor.

I rarely pass up the opportunity to watch Sean either on the box or at the cinema. But it was "007" who

made me break a golden soccer rule this season — and I paid dearly for it.

I normally go to bed shortly after 9 pm on the night before a match and I have kept to this routine apart from one occasion. That was when Sean was appearing in a late-night movie and I decided to take a chance. A couple of hours couldn't hurt, I thought.

I enjoyed the film as usual, but the unusual happened the following day when we lost 4-3 to Airdrie at Broomfield! I mention this because it illustrates clearly how finely-balanced the League title race is this season.

Take one chance — even a little one — and you'll pay for it. As Celtic found to their cost.

Sorry, Sean, I'll have to miss your late shows from now on.

By the way, talking about Sean, I would like to point out he was a good footballer in his day and he still supports a Glasgow team. Who are they? Celtic!

I am going to upset Sean and say the Parkhead men WON'T win the title for their tenth successive time this season. It's coming to Ibrox!

From now on every game is vital and will test us to the limit.

But you won't win the good things in life if you can't live with the pressure that goes with big-time soccer.

We face another vital 90 minutes on Saturday (March 15) when we travel to Dens Park to play Dundee.

Although we have already beaten the Dens men twice in the League Cup and once in the League this term, there'll be no complacency.

If manager Jock Wallace heard any one of our players dismissing a team before the kick-off I feel certain he would immediately leave him out.

Well, what can we expect from Dundee? Only their boss Davie White knows whether or not big Alan Gordon, their purchase from Hibs this year, will play. If he does we will be watching him carefully.

Don't run away with the idea Alan will be getting any special treatment from our defence. We think upon the lines that EVERY opposing player is a potential goalscorer and no one gets a "free" shot at our goal.

We'll let Dundee worry about us. We're not going for a share of the points ... that would be a point dropped and not one gained. We want them both and if we strike our rhythm I'm certain we can get them.

Take care and I'll see you all in a fortnight ...

'TARTAN TALK' NEXT WEEK FROM CELTIC'S ALLY HUNTER

Action from Rangers/ Dundee earlier this season.

'I'm playing better for Arsenal because of Chelsea'

says Peter Simpson

Peter (far left, top) in action against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge this season. He nearly became a Chelsea player last year.

AT the end of last season it looked as though I might be on the move from Arsenal — my only League club so far. Chelsea were interested in me and Arsenal fancied Dave Webb. I was asked to consider a move but I thought it over and decided to stay.

Happily I made the right decision and I haven't any regrets. Our prospects are better than Chelsea's at the moment because they have got so many youngsters in their squad. In three or four years they'll have a good side again.

Of course, there have been several new faces around Highbury this season and that has helped. A change never did anyone any harm as the performances of Jimmy Rimmer and Brian Kidd have proved.

Jimmy has been really magnificent and the most important thing is that he is accepted by the crowd. It would be a daunting prospect for most goalkeepers to take over from someone as popular as Bob Wilson but Jimmy has become an immediate favourite.

Brian Kidd has also been an immediate hit with the fans and has scored quite a few goals as well. In fact his move was quite a problem for the rest of the players at Highbury.

When Ray Kennedy went to Liverpool and Brian joined us, we were a bit upset because we thought we were getting the raw end of the deal but "Kiddo" has proved us totally wrong. We all thought Ray was a terrific player but we think just the same of Brian now.

Jimmy and Brian are both fairly experienced players but there have been several youngsters in the first-team this season who should become stars.

Take Liam Brady for instance! He's got all the skill in the world and although he's not quite established yet, he will be a great player.

Then there is John Matthews who plays in defence or midfield. He should have a great future ahead of him.

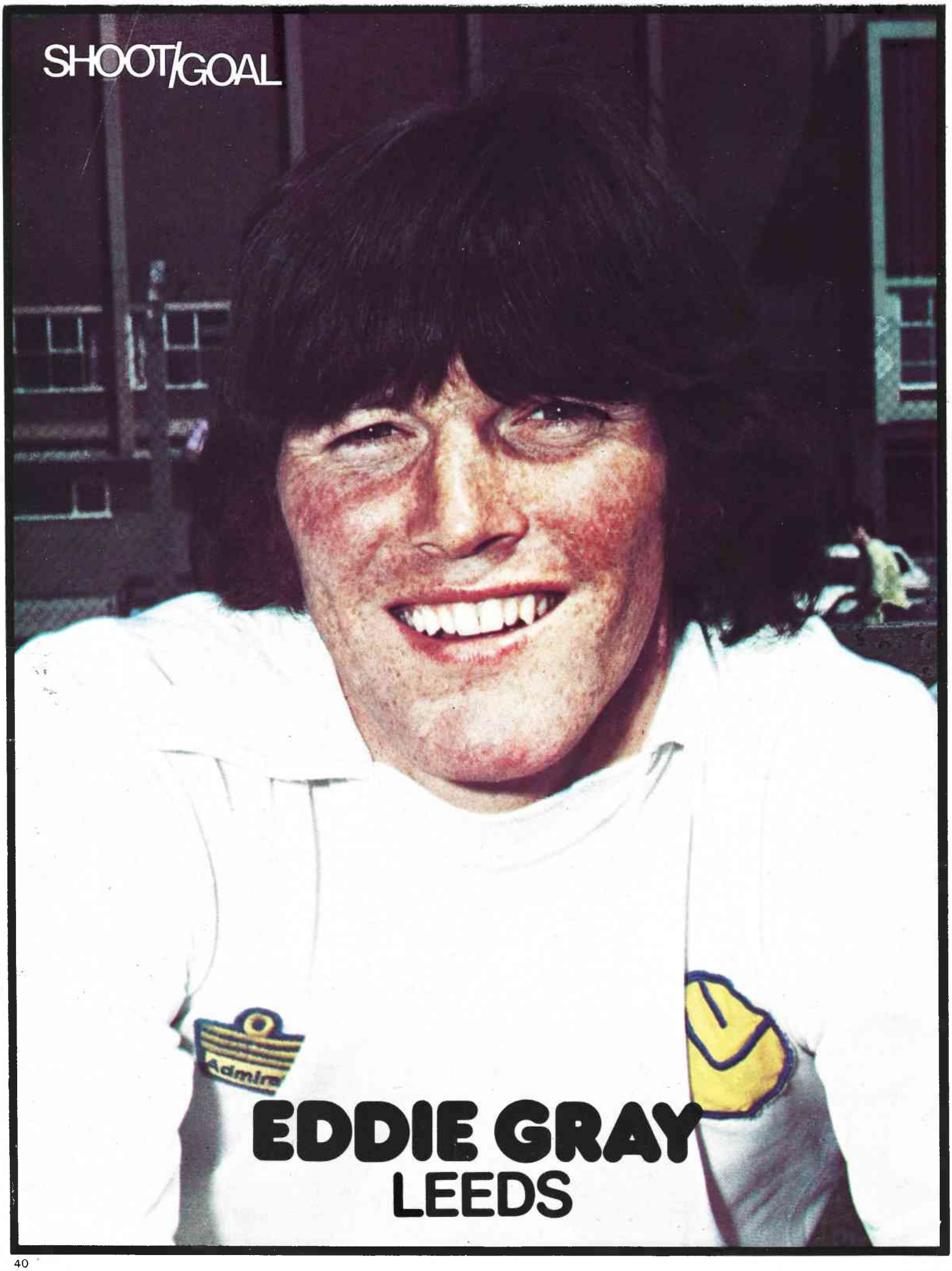
However I think Arsenal are a little bit cautious about playing youngsters and we have needed plenty of experience this year.

No Veteran

I like to think of myself as one of the experienced players — some newspapers have the nasty habit of calling me a veteran and I don't approve of that because after all I'm only 30. I'm one of the lucky ones because in my position I don't have to run around too much. I use my head instead of my legs!

I've been playing quite well this season — perhaps I was spurred on by Chelsea's interest in me. Anyhow I should have at least a couple of years left in the game before I retire.

When I do eventually hang up my boots, I'll get right out of football. What will I do then? Who knows? But right now all I am interested in is playing First Division soccer for Arsenal.



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